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RE-ELECTION BID: French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing announced his bid for re-election in the presidential poll in April Monday. Here he makes the announcement with his wife Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace.

For use in Gulf

Thatcher defends force

LONDON, March 3 (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has staunchly defended the eventual creation of a multi-national rapid deployment force for the Gulf area, saying that without it the region could not be protected.

But she said Monday that no decision has yet been made on creation of such a force, whose aim would be to guard the West's oil supplies.

Mrs. Thatcher was reporting to the House of Commons on her visit last week to the United States during which the possibility of a rapid deployment force was discussed.

At one point, David Steel, leader of the middle-road Liberal Party, suggested that a rapid deployment force would be a "hint of a return to the role of an uninvited world policeman" for Britain.

Mrs. Thatcher, replying angrily: "I find it very alarming that the Liberals seem to be retreating from our first duty of defending the alliance."

Either that, she said, or Britain "just does not have the guts to devote the resources to it."

She said that "unless one considers the creation of a rapid deployment force, one denies the capacity to meet the threat to the West."

She told parliament there was nothing new in her support for British military action to defend the Gulf against Soviet threat. She and the foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, promised that Gulf states would be consulted beforehand.

Labor party leader Michael Foot said that Mrs. Thatcher had indulged in "bellicose demagoguery" which could damage détente.

He said that one of the greatest dangers posed by a rapid deployment force would be intervention at the wrong time in the wrong place and on the wrong side. "That is the lesson of Vietnam, which you do not seem to have learned," he told Mrs. Thatcher.

Mrs. Thatcher, telling of her talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and other officials, said: "I made it clear if such a force was created, the United Kingdom would be ready to contribute to it in the same way as, with the United States and France, we have already stationed naval units in the Gulf in response to the situation arising from the Iran-Iraq war."

Part of the "situation" she said, is also "Soviet encroachment" in the area, a reference to the Soviet intervention into Afghanistan.

U.S., French and British naval units are in the region to prevent any hijacking of the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf, through which much of the West's oil flows.

The creation of a rapid deployment force, first discussed during U.S. President Jimmy Carter's administration, would be part of the West's answer to defense problems arising outside the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) area.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, speaking in the House of Lords, said: "I don't believe our neighbors and friends in the Gulf need have any fear that it (the force) will be directed at them, or any action will be taken in their defense for which they don't ask."

Carrington was replying to criticism of the force in Arab newspapers that suggested that the force's aim would be domination of the area, not preservation of its interests.

In Copenhagen, Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olsen said Monday he does not envisage any geographic expansion of NATO's activities, but would not exclude an Anglo-American military measures in the Arabian Gulf area.

"What measures individual member countries may decide on is no business of ours, but it will have nothing to do with NATO," Olsen said on a radio Deomark newscast.

Army chief cuts Paris visit after copter tragedy

CAIRO, March 3 (R) — The Egyptian chief of staff interrupted a secret visit to Paris and returned to Cairo Tuesday following the death of defense minister and 13 senior officers in a helicopter crash Monday, officials said.

The chief of staff, Mohammed Abdul Halim Abou Ghazala, was recalled by President Anwar Sadat after Defense Minister Ahmed Badawi and the officers were killed during an inspection tour of the eastern desert.

President Sadat announced the posthumous promotion of General Badawi to field marshal. The other officers, including nine lieutenant-generals, commanders of various army branches, were also promoted.

A committee of army experts has left for the scene of the crash, near the Siwa oasis and close to the border with Libya, to investigate the causes.

Officials said the pilot of the "commando" helicopter lost control when a whirlwind caught it after taking off at Siwa oasis in Egypt's western desert near the Libyan border.

The craft struck an electric power pole. A rotor blade broke and the helicopter crashed from a height of six meters (20 feet). Fuel exploded a few moments afterwards. The minister's secretary escaped from the tail of the craft, which broke off. The crew of four officers escaped from the cockpit. But the ministers, ten generals and three colonels all perished.

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To discuss Israeli aggression

Lebanon to demand U.N. council session

BEIRUT, March 3 (Agencies) — Lebanon will seek a U.N. Security Council meeting to discuss the latest Israeli attacks on its southern region in which at least 15 persons died, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan announced Tuesday.

Emerging from a meeting with President Elias Sarkis, Wazzan told reporters that Lebanon had also decided to submit a formal complaint to the council. Instructions to this effect have been sent to Lebanon's representative at the United Nations, he said.

The prime minister added that the decision followed "repeated and escalating Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon over the last two days." Tuesday's Beirut meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros.

Lebanon has submitted several complaints to the Security Council over Israeli attacks recently, but had until now refrained from seeking a council meeting. Wazzan Monday night denounced the attacks as a "cowardly action."

Renewed heavy shelling broke out in southern Lebanon Tuesday after an Israeli air attack which killed 15 persons and wounded more than 20 Monday. Security sources reported. They said Israeli gunners supported by their rightist Lebanese allies opened up with a concerted artillery barrage against the Palestinian and nationalist strongholds of Nabatiyah, Armon, Beaufort Castle and nearby villages. The bombardment followed a reported rocket attack Tuesday morning by Palestinian commandos in south Lebanon against Israeli settlements in western Galilee.

Reporting on the death toll in Monday's Israeli air strikes, the security sources said it came to 15 after bodies had been removed from the rubble of a building. There were no reports of casualties in Tuesday's shelling.

The sources said Tuesday bombardment of the market town of Nabatiyah and nearby targets, regularly hit in Israeli air and artillery strikes in the past, started at 10.45 a.m. (0845 GMT) and was continuing. Residents in the south reported sporadic rocket and artillery exchanges after midnight and the room of explosions could still be heard shortly after dawn.

Explosive experts meanwhile dismantled a boobytrap wired into the limousine of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Solh Tuesday, thwarting an assassination attempt, police said.

A police spokesman said the janitor of Solh's apartment building in mostly Muslim west Beirut spotted a strange object near the car's fuel tank. Explosives experts who dismantled the 1.5 kilogram charge said it was set to go off at the turn of ignition. Solh, 56, was prime minister in the early weeks of the 1975-76 civil war between Lebanon's right-wing Christian forces and an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinians.

Banks increase lending

BASLE, March 3 (R) — The International banks have boosted the amount of oil money recycled to the developing countries which are not oil producers, according to figures published by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

New credits by banks in the West to the non-oil developing countries had dropped sharply in the first three months of last year, and there were fears that the banking system would no longer be able to recycle funds from the surpluses of oil-producing countries to needy nations because of the huge amounts of money and the risks involved.

But in the second quarter of 1980 new lending increased by \$10 billion and in the third quarter it went up by a further \$12.1 billion, the BIS said in its quarterly report on international banking.

This brought the total amount of new lending to these countries to \$23 billion in the first nine months of 1980, which was 20 per cent higher than in the same period of 1979.

The BIS report also showed that new lending to OPEC countries rose by a sizeable \$3 billion in the third quarter of 1980. Early in the year it had dropped because of increased oil revenues.

Party re-elects Brezhnev

MOSCOW, March 3 (AP) — Leonid Brezhnev announced Tuesday, to wild applause and cheering at the Soviet Communist Party's 26th Congress, that he and all his top Communist Party colleagues had been re-elected to their leadership posts by the party's powerful Central Committee.

Brezhnev declared in a short, heavily-applauded speech that "the revolutionary transformation of the world cannot be prevented." But he re-asserted the Kremlin's commitment to "continuing and deepening détente" and stopping the arms race. Amid shouts of "hurrah" from the 5,000 delegates, the 74-year-old Brezhnev read out a leadership lineup that gave no hint of a new Kremlin power balance or any program to bring younger people into the party leadership.

The party's ruling Politburo remains at 14 members, with an average age just over 69. Brezhnev, as party general secretary, is the Politburo's effective head. The next rank of leaders, the "alternate" Politburo members, continues to be composed of eight members averaging 65 years of age.

Despite the elderly leadership, Brezhnev appeared confident the country could follow a progressive course. He called for "constant initiative everywhere" and "a tireless quest for the new" in the Soviet economy.

The elections were carried out earlier Tuesday by the central committee. Such formal re-election of the leadership is usually carried out only once in five years. The committee can change Politburo members and alternates in a secret session any time. It made Brezhnev party leader in place of Nikita S. Khrushchev in 1964.

The bemuddled Brezhnev, wiping his brow under television lights and frequently clearing his throat, declared that the re-elected leadership will "concentrate all our efforts on two interrelated directions. One is communist construction and the other the consolidation of peace." The cheering delegates, ending the Congress after eight days of meetings in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses, sang the "internationale," the world communist anthem, and stood applauding and shouting slogans for several minutes. Brezhnev gazed at the crowd, himself clapping slowly and steadily and smiling slightly.

Those re-elected to top party posts included new Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov, 75 Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, 71, Defense Minister Dmitri F. Ustinov, 72, top ideologist Mikhail A. Suslov, 78, and Yuri V. Andropov, 66, head of the KGB Security Police. The central committee also re-elected the 10 powerful party secretaries who supervise different sectors of the economy and state.

Brezhnev called at the Congress, in a report later endorsed by all the delegates, for a series of foreign policy initiatives, including a summit with U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

In the international field, Brezhnev said the Congress gave the party "greater faith that social progress cannot be halted and that the revolutionary transformation of the world cannot be prevented."

Turning to the Soviet economy, he pledged to work to "ensure the absolute fulfillment of the 11th five-year plan" for 1981-85 approved by the congress delegates.

Dollar makes fresh gains; gold steadies

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — High interest rates and euphoria about the Reagan administration's tough economic policy brought the dollar fresh gains against most major currencies Tuesday. Gold prices steadied in Europe after sharp falls Monday.

The British pound, which has fallen 21 cents in 1981, was worth \$2.1805 compared with \$2.1828 late Monday. The dollar was last this strong against the pound April 9, 1980.

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar declined slightly in heavy trading to close at 210.15 yen from 210.75 Monday. Dealers said foreign banks in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore sold dollars in bulk in a bout of profit-taking, with spot transactions totaling nearly \$1.2 billion. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 209.88 yen.

(Continued on back page)

Earthquakes rock areas in Greece, Iran, Pakistan and United States

March 3 (wire dispatches) — A resurgence of seismic activity caused earthquakes in several locations around the world Monday.

One earthquake struck the town of Lahore in Punjab Province, but no further details were reported by the Pakistani Press Agency. In Iran a series of tremors registering 3.4 on the Richter scale hit an area some 180 kilometers north of Tehran, but caused no casualties or damage. The small quakes were felt for about 15 seconds late Monday in the town of Baboi in Mazandaran Province, a correspondent for the Islamic Republic newspaper said.

Residents of the San Francisco Bay area were jolted awake by an earthquake at about 2:45 a.m. local time Tuesday. There were no immediate reports of injuries, and state officials said they had no immediate estimate of the quake's intensity or how widely it was felt.

Meanwhile, additional quakes registering 4.7 and 4.3 on the Richter scale hit the region of Corinth Tuesday, the Geographic Institute in Athens said. The quakes epicenter, which caused no damage or casualties, was located in the Gulf of Corinth, some 70 kilometers west of Athens.

Nearly 80 new earth tremors have been felt in Greece since early Monday, one week after the big quake which killed 19 people in the region of Athens, Thebes and Corinth. In addition, panic-stricken people rushed into the streets in their pyjamas when a fairly strong earth tremor shook Salonic in northern Greece, Monday night, police reported.

No casualties or damage were reported after the tremor which the Athens observatory measured as 4.6 on the Richter scale. Twenty persons were killed and 16,500 buildings were damaged last Tuesday when an earthquake rumbled through several parts of Greece, including Athens.

A couple was rescued after being trapped in the ruins of their home for five days following severe earthquakes last week, an Athens daily reported Monday. Dimitris Velopoulos and his wife Theodora, both 50, were sleeping when the quake destroyed their house in the small village of Tragana near Corinth, the paper said.

Peace mission renews attempt



MEETING: Leader of the Islamic goodwill mission to Iran and Iraq, President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea (left) with President Zia-ul-Rahman of Bangladesh at the conference hall after Monday night's meeting at the Guest Palace in Jeddah. The mission was expected to leave for Tehran Wednesday to continue peace efforts for an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

JEDDAH, March 3 — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and member of an Islamic peace mission to Iran and Iraq arrived in Tehran to brief Iranians on the mission's proposals to end the Gulf war.

The mission, which also will fly to Tehran Wednesday, decided to send Arafat back to Iran at a meeting it held Tuesday night. The meeting was held at the Guest Palace in Jeddah shortly after the mission returned from a three-day visit to both capitals in a new attempt to stop the armed conflict between the neighboring countries.

Habib Chaty, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference said the warm reception by Iranian and Iraqi officials encouraged the mission to make the move, although he said, differences between the two sides are still wide.

The secretary general said in a statement to Arab News Tuesday that the advanced visit of Arafat was to prepare the atmosphere for the mission's proposals, of which most important was to bring the two warring countries to a ceasefire.

After Monday's meeting, Chaty said, "peace prospects between Iraq and Iran exist 'but great efforts are required.' He expressed optimism about the success of the mission's talks with Iraq and Iranian officials.

"Iran has expressed the desire that the peace mission continue its good offices," Chaty told the SPA. Iran wants to end the war with Iraq on certain conditions, he said.

"Iraq has also agreed to a ceasefire and to settle the problem through direct or indirect negotiations," Chaty said. He said that the mission met in Jeddah to evaluate the results of its talks in Tehran and Baghdad which will determine whether the mission would return to Tehran and Baghdad or wait for another opportunity to get a deeper insight into the issue.

In principle, the mission was to return to Tehran after analysing the information obtained during the visits to Iraq and Iran, he said.

Meanwhile, leader of the mission, President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea Tuesday expressed the hope that the mission would succeed in bringing an end to the war, now in its sixth month between the two Islamic countries. In a statement to the Saudi Arabian television yesterday the Guinean president said the mission will submit "tangible proposals" when it flies to Tehran and Baghdad Wednesday. The proposals reaching an agreement to halt armed clashes, he said.

"In view of the intricate task" the mission will make a second visit to both capitals of Tehran and Baghdad, the president said.

President Sekou Toure added that "one party demanded troop withdrawal while the other side sought guarantees before a pull-out." Sekou Toure also said that both Iran and Iraq agreed in principle to a ceasefire, which he described as a positive result.

King Hussein visits Baghdad

AMMAN, March 3 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan, supporter of Iraq in its war against Iran, flew to Baghdad Tuesday for summit talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the war's progress and Islamic mediation, a government statement here said.

The King took with him his Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Information Minister Adnan Abou Odeh, Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Zeid Bin Shaker and the air force commander.

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During council meeting

Firms warned against high prices

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 3 — The government Monday renewed its warning to foreign consultancy firms against overpricing of projects. The warning was made Monday night by Crown Prince Fahd after a cabinet meeting here. Fahd said that Saudi Arabian consultants must be encouraged to grow and develop.

The warning comes four months after the cancellation of a multibillion riyal National Guard project by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the Guard Prince Abdullah.

The Crown Prince also said that appropriate action should be taken against foreign firms whenever their books show inflated

prices.

He urged officials to be alert against exaggerated prices. Vigilance by ministers and government officials is the best guarantee against overestimating prices of projects, he said, adding that close watch should also be maintained of foreign consultancy companies so that project specifications are honored.

Prince Fahd discussed health care in the Kingdom and commended universities for graduating doctors to cope with the increasing requirements of the health sector. He called on Saudi Arabian youths to join the faculties of medicine to serve their country.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the cabinet also took up the studies to improve traffic, plan new streets and intersections bridges and tunnels

to ease traffic congestion. Prince Fahd expressed satisfaction at the papers presented by the Interior Ministry. Yamani said.

The Council also reviewed master plans for several cities to match the new expansion and renovate old quarters along with a set of projects needed for those cities. Prince Fahd told the ministers that they have to plan for the present and the future, since "we have the means and a mature experience which now gives us a clear vision of what we want."

He said he was pleased with the good planning and the urbanization boom he saw during the recent visit to Qasim and Hail.

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer briefed the Council on his plan to train nationals in computer science to break foreign monopoly.

For telephone users

International service to be standardized

RIYADH, March 3 — The Ministry of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph announced Tuesday that on April 1 all existing subscribers' lines will be converted to international subscriber dialing service.

According to a ministry statement, the widespread conversion does not include official government ministry lines, and provisions have been made for subscribers who do not wish to have the ISD service. Any subscriber who wishes to have his line restricted from direct ISD should visit the nearest Saudi Telephone subscription office, provide his name and number and sign a restriction

request, the statement said.

International subscriber dialing service has been of Saudi Telephone's continuing success stories since the beginning of the telephone expansion program. The number of countries directly accessible by ISD now stands at more than 90, compared to 21 when the service was introduced. Of Saudi Telephone's more than one million international calls processed each month, approximately 70 per cent are placed using ISD, a ministry statement added.

Meanwhile, the ministry reported that more training courses were added during Safar to Saudi Telephone's comprehensive telecommunications training program of more than 100 different career-improvement courses. The additional courses will allow employees to control more accurately the modern, sophisticated equipment used by Saudi Telephone.

According to the ministry of PTT, the constant effort to upgrade employee efficiency through technical training was rewarded in Safar, when the number of employees per 1,000 working lines (a measure of efficiency) reached the best result ever attained for this indicator.

In other developments, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayal, minister of PTT, met with Saudi Telephone district managers and senior executives

from across the Kingdom in Jeddah on Rabi Thani 21 and 22 to discuss the organization's operations.

Two days of meetings covered overall and district performance results, as well as objectives for the future, Saudi Telephone's training program and other items relating to Saudi Telephone operations. Participants at the meetings stressed the need for all Saudi Telephone employees to continue to work diligently in the interest of the Kingdom and subscribers. The sessions included the screening of the Ministry of PTT film, *The Story of Telecommunications in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*.

Ministry wins honeydew war

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water has scored positive results in its fight against the honeydew, it was reported Monday. The honeydew appeared extensively in Qasim, Al-Washm and Sudair, and less in Riyadh, Al-Kharj and Medina.

In addition, farmers have been given insecticides to combat the dangerous insect. The disease is known locally under the name of Al-Dahbas. It is widespread and reproduces daily to the detriment of farmers. It secretes a kind of honey which attracts ants, then dries up or creates bacteria that kill the plant.

To fight the battle, the ministry mobilized



Officials mark activities for tree planting

DAMMAM, March 3 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi Monday opened the fourth "plant-a-tree" week here. He planted the first of 3,000 saplings in Damman's streets.

A ceremony on the occasion was held by the Youth Welfare Organization in front of Ibn Khaldoun Garden. The Eastern Province Governor, King Faisal University, the Education Directorate, the Municipal and Rural Affairs Directorate, the ministries of agriculture and information, and the water and sewage organization, as well as the police, the traffic department and the National Guard are all involved in the "plant-a-tree" week.



Blind join sports fest

JEDDAH, March 3 (SPA) — The First Inter-Regional Sports Festival for the Blind was held here Monday under the auspices of Mecca's Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen.

Abha Province won the tug-of-war competition. It also won in a game consisting of collecting as fast as possible a number of balls and putting them in a bucket. Riyadh Region won in a game which consists of walking, running and jumping while carrying heavy bags.

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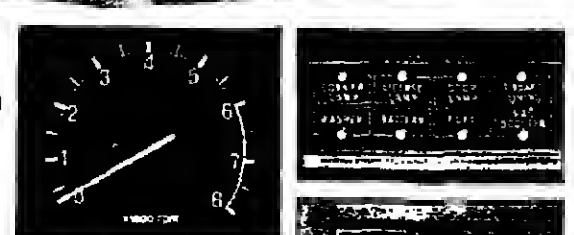
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Gulf culture eyed at various festivals

PARIS, March 3 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, Tuesday opened the Gulf Cultural Festival here. He was seen off upon his departure at Riyadh Airport by his deputy Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, chairman of the Saudi soccer federation, and other officials.

In the meantime, a four-day seminar on *The Future of water resources in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula* opened here Monday. The seminar is organized by the magazine *Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies*. It is discussing water problems in the Gulf and cooperation between all institutions and research centers concerned with water in the area. It will focus on potable water in desert areas, especially where population is increasing.

Sharjah Fair opens

Meanwhile, Sharjah Expo Center's Grand National Fair was declared open on Monday, March 2 by Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak.

Smoke warning to be issued

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — All tobacco products in Arab Gulf countries will within three months from now bear the inscription "Smoking is responsible for lung cancer and heart, lung and blood vessel diseases."

The Saudi Standardization Organization Monday received this final formula from the Arab Standardization Organization in accordance with the decision of Arab Gulf Health Ministers who met in Bahrain last January.

Police to hold graduation ceremony

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — Riyadh Police Directorate will hold a ceremony to mark the graduation of 422 officers from

mad Al-Qasimi, chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The brief opening ceremony, when Sheikh Abdul Aziz, accompanied by expo president Frederick P. Pitters, cut the red ribbon was filmed by the visiting Austrian film team who are in the country to produce a documentary on the U.A.E. as a tourist destination.

Producer of the film team, Horsi Stelzl, said he was very impressed with the event and certainly expo center was as big a tourist attraction to any visitor to the U.A.E. The footage on the grand national will be flown to Vienna to appear on Austrian television networks.

Accompanied by film technicians and a battery of cameramen from the local media, Sheikh Abdul Aziz toured the stands in the several pavilions. Over 350 exhibitors have made the fair a festival of sound and color and visitors began pouring in at 4:00 p.m.

The Palestinian stand was of particular interest to Sheikh Abdul Aziz, who spent some time, examining the literature, pictures and display material.

The vast range of goods and services has made the grand national a bargain shoppers' happy hunting ground. Exhibitors from India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Sri Lanka give the event its international flavor and arousing great interest are the many handicrafts and antique stands. The Philippines shellcraft industries stand offers some handsomely carved wooden figures in mahogany and rosewood.

the Police Training Institute. The ceremony, Wednesday, will be attended by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman.

Convenience shopping spreads

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 3 — One of the largest department stores and certainly the tallest in the city will open formally Saturday. With a floor area of nearly 5,000 square meters it is the most varied in the town, according to its owners.

Al Sawani, situated next to Prince Fahd's bridge on Sixteen Street in Sharafiya, cost SR7.5 million to build on a plot of land which cost nearly half as much again. It is owned by two brothers, Mahmoud Hafiz and Abdul Qader Hafiz and a third partner. The parking problem was solved by clearing the site in front and making space for 420 cars eventually, they said.

The owners say their prices are moderate and in some ways cheaper than those in other stores and supermarkets and they have added some new sections like a high fashion floor for women which has medium to top quality dresses, shoes and bags. It will soon expand to include jewelry.

Al Sawani is part of a trend to concentrate shopping under one roof or in the same compound like the many shopping plazas that have come up and are under construction. Research has shown that their success was largely the result of providing convenient shopping, parking facilities, moderate prices and located outside the town center which puts off would-be shoppers because of the congestion and traffic jams.

Exhibitors report successes

JEDDAH, March 3 — Three days after the official opening by Mahmoud Taiba, governor of the General Electricity Corporation, exhibitors from many countries at the first Middle East Electricity Exhibition are reporting early successes and some have already achieved all their objectives.

According to an Al-Harithy press statement up to 5,000 registrations had been recorded, with specialist visitors reported.

from all the regions of the Kingdom, the Gulf states and North Africa.

The large British delegation is doing particularly well, and one exhibitor, B.V.C., has already sold all its exhibits and taken an order from Kuwait. Petbow Limited has taken orders worth a total of SR 650,000. Vent Axia reports up to 100 visitors a day on its stand and British Electricity International notes keen interest in training schemes, the statement said.

COMMENT

By Hani Wafa
Al Riyadh

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sport, while other advanced countries have developed methods of training in horse-riding and also take good care of the trainees.

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BRIEFS

Minister Prince Naif attended the sports festival of the Internal Security Forces held at the Malaz Stadium Tuesday. The minister watched the final football match on the championship and afterwards handed out medals and prizes to the participants.

Arab cities research

MEDINA, March 3 (SPA) — The Arab City Seminar discussed several research projects presented by participants Monday. Among the studies discussed was the role of municipalities in directing the urban development of cities.

Office seminar held

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Cultural Committee of Riyadh University organized a seminar Tuesday on "Office-Hours." The seminar, managed by Dr. Jibarah Eid Al-Suraisy, was attended by Dr. Hamoud Abdul Aziz Al-Badr, Riyadh University under-secretary; Dr. Ahmad Al-Rashid, Gulf educational bureau director general; and Dawood Al-Shurayyan, editor-in-chief of *Al-Yamamah* magazine.

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
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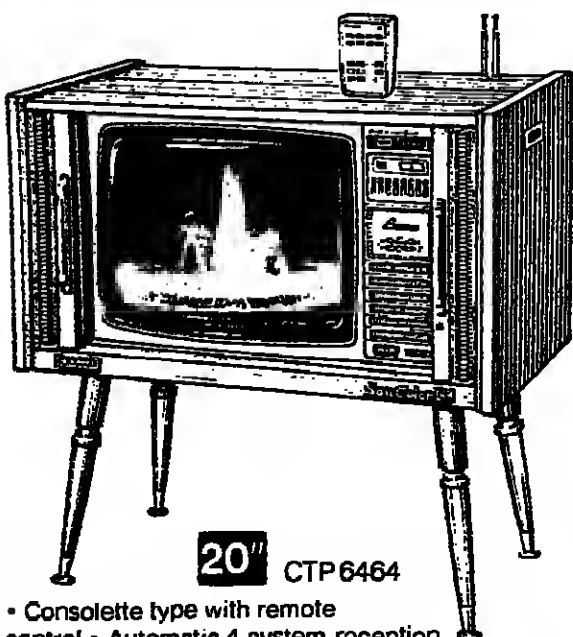


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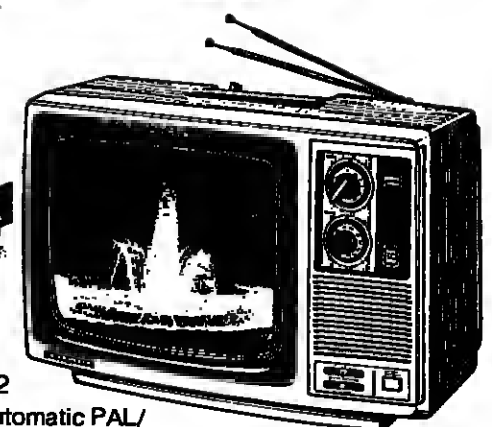
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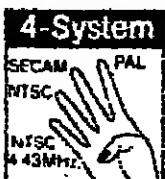
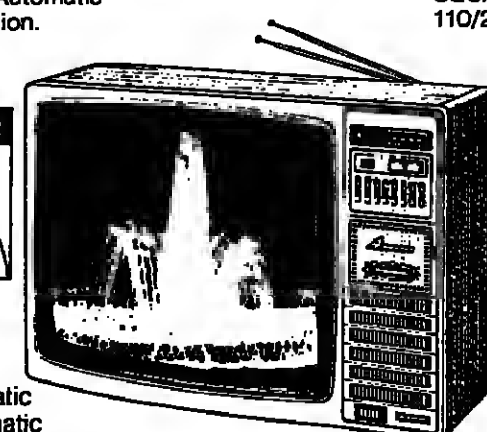
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Vietnamese food comes to town

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Paris is obviously the world capital of French food but, as any recent visitor to "gay Paris" will attest, it's also fast becoming a major center for a rival cuisine — Vietnamese. The Rue de Montparnasse, for example, might more accurately be called the "rue de Saigon" these days. Every second restaurant along the famous road — and also in little side streets — is Vietnamese. Old side-walk cafes have been redecorated in brilliant Oriental colors and patterns transforming the total flavor of the environs to strongly Far Eastern.

Vietnamese restaurants have not only taken over Montparnasse, but also the country. And the phenomenon is not confined to France. The United States, Canada, Australia... innumerable countries are enjoying the same experience. A few years ago Vietnamese cuisine was one of the undiscovered

treasures of the culinary world. Today it's the chic way to eat. What has been a tragic emigration for hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese has for others been an awakening of a new cultural experience.

Vietnamese food is related to Chinese food but has a taste all of its own. The similarity is mostly in style. "What gives Vietnamese food its particular flavor is fish sauce," says Trinh L'entrecote, the Vietnamese wife of an American employee of Saudi. "Fish sauce is made from preserved fish and is used like soy sauce. We also use lots of fresh parsley and mint. The result is a flavor that is uniquely Vietnamese."

Vietnamese food is similar to the Chinese style of cooking and presentation. In general the food is presented in bite-size portions because, like Chinese, it is eaten with chopsticks. Vegetables are only lightly cooked and often steamed. There are also many ingredients and seasonings in common, including things like fresh ginger, black bean paste, monosodium glutamate and soya sauce (used often in addition to fish sauce).

Trinh could be called a professional in the field of Vietnamese cooking. Before coming to Jeddah five years ago she ran a restaurant — aptly called "Vietnamese Cuisine" — on the Island of Guam. It boasted a menu of some 20 dishes, admittedly only a fraction of the range offered by cuisine of her country, but a tall order when there is only one off-sider to help.

"Another similarity with Chinese food is that most of it is cooked on-the-spot," said Trinh. "A busy restaurant is a lot of work when not much preparation can be done beforehand." Shortly after Trinh went into the restaurant trade came the fall of Saigon. As the site of an American base Guam became a staging point in the processing of refugees who were to be settled in the United States.

made. "Fish sauce is readily available at new Jeddah shops," said Trinh, "and all supermarkets stock a reasonable range of Asian food ingredients." Trinh recently gave a demonstration of Vietnamese cooking which provided a tasty example of the unique flavor of her national cuisine. Instead of the more usual "prepare as you eat" style, the Vietnamese Beef Stew (Bo Kho) can be prepared in advance and, in fact, improves in flavour each time it is reheated. Trinh serves the stew on a bed of flat egg noodles, but the more traditional rice noodles can now be bought — at least a Japanese variety of rice noodles. Accompanying bean sprouts are very briefly boiled, or steamed, in keeping with the Vietnamese way of cooking vegetables.

VIETNAMESE BEEF STEW (BO KHO): Ingredients: 2 kilos beef stew or button round, diced; 2 medium size tomatoes or 1 cup diced; 1/2 cup diced onion; 1 tablespoon paprika; 1/4 cup fresh ginger juice (cut fresh



BEEF STEW: Bo Kho, Vietnamese beef stew, turns more delicious each time it is reheated.

ginger and pour water over) or 1 teaspoon powder; 3 tablespoons black bean paste; 2 tablespoons MSG; 2 teaspoons sugar; 2 teaspoons salt; 1/2 cup soy sauce; 3 cloves fresh garlic diced; hot water; 1/4 cup oil.

METHOD: Heat oil and saute onion and garlic. Add tomatoes and turn down heat. Simmer until tomatoes turn deep red, like tomato paste. Increase heat and add meat, browning thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients. Cover with hot water and simmer for one hour. Add water if necessary or, if desired, allow liquid to reduce. The stew can be thickened with cornstarch if desired.

TO SERVE: Flat egg noodles should be boiled in water to which 2 tablespoons of oil have been added. Bean sprouts should be par-boiled or steamed. Bean sprouts should be placed in the bottom of individual serving bowls, then serving of noodles placed on top. Next add stew and finally garnish with fresh chopped sweet basil. Fish sauce can be poured over if desired.

On one particular day, Trinh recalls, 100,000 refugees were airlifted onto the island. Such an influx of non-Western food eating people resulted in quite an administrative headache for the authorities so Trinh was given a contract to provide food for the camp.

"At the time anyone who could help in any way was volunteering," she said. "At first I was helping with translation work and then I became involved in the provision of food, because few other people could know what sort of food the people could eat. But it became too much work in the end." Trinh's cooking obligations in Jeddah are rather less demanding — mostly just family — but she does a little catering at times. One thing that is always in demand is the Vietnamese egg roll "not unlike the Chinese spring roll, but made with rice paper instead of flour dough, and with a meat filling instead of vegetable."

Buying the special ingredients for Vietnamese food is no longer a problem in Jeddah and, only occasionally, must compromise be

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Many feel his assumption worth deeper investigation and analysis because the British tragedy is increasingly experienced by isolated cultural minorities elsewhere in the world when they find themselves swamped by alien values, impersonal technology and political decisions taken by faceless bureaucrats a long way away. Political frustration may well be behind the present high level of alcoholism in East Europe. The dramatic emergence of advanced technology in the developing world is associated with the equally dramatic increase of schizophrenia there.

The public authorities in Britain have now brought together all the local organizations concerned with combatting alcoholism to consider setting up a new research organization devoted to the problem. A working group of specialists, who want to establish a data bank to collate the wealth of knowledge already amassed, has been formed and a rural campaign against alcoholism is expected to be launched shortly.

And, the New Territories has Cheung Chau Island. Cheung Chau Island is an hour's



PARADISE: Hong Kong, considered for a long time as an earthly paradise for tourists, is fast losing its charm due to its congestion. Tourists, fed up with its hassle and hustle, are turning toward its neighbor, New Territories, which has everything to offer to weary tourists.

Hong Kong losing charm

New Territories: a tourist paradise

By Michael Carlton

CHEUNG CHAU, New Territories (DTH) — Hong Kong is one of the world's more densely populated places, with nearly 4.7 million people living on Hong Kong island and Kowloon. Most live in concrete canyons of skyscrapers jammed together as though the sky were an enemy to be blocked out at all cost. But there is another side to Hong Kong, the New Territories, 370 square miles that for most visitors to Hong Kong are as foreign as paying the retail price for a watch.

The New Territories, unlike Hong Kong island, is not a British colony but rather is a territory under British administration. The laws are different. It is not regarded as Crown land, and even the people are different — less likely to speak English, sensitive to being photographed, quick to laugh, quick to anger and not as used to having tourists pounding their way past gardens and homes.

The New Territories has much to recommend it to tourists weary of the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. It has open land, lovely green parks, two exciting market centers, Aai Po and Yuen Long, and enough villages to make every bend in the road a discovery. It also has the Royal Golf Club in Fan Ling (visitors can play Monday through Friday only) — a new horse-racing track in Sha Tin (which is also famous for its roast pigeon and 10,000-Buddha temple) — the Tai Ping Carpet factory, which you can tour in the afternoon and watch some of the world's most beautiful carpets being crafted, and a couple of lookouts from which you can see the Communist China.

And, the New Territories has Cheung Chau Island. Cheung Chau Island is an hour's

ferry ride (about \$1.60 round trip) from Hong Kong, a ride that will take you past stone cutters island and green island, past scores of freighters waiting to be unloaded of their cargoes of watches and cameras and electronic gear from Japan, past junks with their comical profiles, past hydrofoils rushing by on the way from Macao, past the squatters' shacks in Kennedy town, past oil tankers, past the graveyard of the old Queen Elizabeth, which came to a flaming end here, and finally, past twilight zone and into the old world.

There are no cars in Cheung Chau. The island is only one square mile in size, so people simply walk where they want to go. That is a great advantage for the casual visitor, for everything worth seeing on Cheung Chau is within a 20-minute walk. Start as soon as you arrive at the ferry terminal. Walk along the seashore, which is lined with hundreds of tiny merchant stands — businesses that are there not for the tourist, but for the residents of this island. But a sharp-eyed tourist can find a few things to buy, such as superb stainless steel carving knives from the Communist China, which sell for about \$5, hand-made silk cotton jackets for \$20 (about half what they cost in Hong Kong) and hand-painted, silk butterflies produced by Lau Yuk Wah.

Or, you can buy a junk. A center of Hong Kong's fishing industry, Cheung Chau is also the ship-construction center of Hong Kong. Along the waterfront, already packed with hundreds of junks, are the shipyards: tiny, individualized operations that hand-make each junk. Here and there you will see finished junks, about ready for launching, carrying the traditional piece of fat dangling from the front. The fat represents oil, which represents wealth, the hoped-for product of a successful junk's fishing expeditions. If you want one for your own, expect to wait at least a year and pay a minimum of \$20,000 for a small junk, five times that for a large one.

Cheung Chau, which has been a fishing village for 2,500 years, has progressed — to a point — along with the rest of Hong Kong, and produces more than boats for the local fishing industry. Cheung Chau has become a center of cottage industries, producing products for the lucrative Western markets. Walk along a side street in Cheung Chau, and you will see piles of little plastic arms and legs, waiting to be joined to a doll's body — miniature plastic totem poles ready to be packed and sent to be sold in Seattle, and reproductions of Gloria Vanderbilt jeans sold here for about \$4.50 a pair.

You will also see some of the most fantastic foodstuffs in Asia as you walk, along the narrow, winding streets, which remind one of the lanes of a tiny village in England, right down to the schoolchildren in their smart blue blazers and pearl-gray slacks who practice their limited English — "Hello" seems to be the

first and last word most of them know — when they see visitors. From pressed duck to squid on a stick, you can buy it in the narrow streets of Cheung Chau. Spashing water, jumping shrimp, crawling lobsters, swimming groupers, smiling market owners, frowning fishermen, swimming groupers, smiling market owners, frowning fishermen and a mixture of smells only Dante could have imagined — they're all for the seeing and smelling here.

You can visit the local made factory where dried fish hang from the ceiling and a canary calls from the wall; or walk along the littered, brown sand beach, which is lined with tattered, green rowboats formerly looking for a customer to rent them. Then you can go to the Cheung Chau country club restaurant, where royalty dines (Princess Alexandra of Britain ate here last year), and which is miles and light years from the nearest golf course. You can have shark's fin, and abalone, and duck, and pigeon, and fresh shrimp, and cuttlefish (octopus), and sweet and sour pork, and fried curd, and vegetables so fresh they squeak when you eat them; and you can still walk away with change from a \$10 bill.

Cheung Chau has few bona fide tourist attractions. In fact, it has only one, the Pak Tai Temple. Built in 1783, the temple is best known for an old iron sword said to have been forged in the Sung Dynasty about 1,000 A.D. The sword was pulled from the sea by fishermen more than 100 years ago and presented to Pak Tai hy islanders, who regard it as a symbol of good luck. Princess Margaret visited the temple in 1966 to see the sword. Yellowing newspaper accounts of her visit cling to the wall just behind an incense burner, and beside a moon gate, which opens to a side courtyard presided over by a handsome gray cat.

If one temple is not enough for you, the island has several others — Kwun Yam, Hung Shing and four Tin Hau temples. It also has a cave that is about a 20-minute walk from town. It was here where pirates used to live and launched their attacks on local fishermen and merchants. Skeletons, the victims of the pirates who made Cheung Chau their headquarters, are still found when new buildings are excavated.

That is about the extent of the tourist attractions on Cheung Chau. It is this very lack of tourist attractions that makes Cheung Chau such an attraction for the traveler weary of the usual. Here, only 4 miles west of Hong Kong island, only 4 miles from the flesh peddlers, is a place seemingly unmoved by time; a refreshingly non-commercial island that deals with tourists on its own terms and continues its ancient way of life unmindful of the jumbo jets disgorging bargain-seeking visitors by the millions just across the water. It is unique, and worth the trip.

U.K. concern over alarming rise in alcoholic deaths

By Thomas Land

LONDON, (ONS) — A group concerned with drunkenness in Britain is seeking financial support for a research center to study the social as well as physical forces contributing to one of the world's highest regional death rates from alcoholism. The study could have a universal application and relevance. Many of the phenomena attributed by specialists to Britain's alarming rate of alcohol dependence — such as the advent of alien technological and political pressures that disrupt regional culture — are increasingly prevalent in many hitherto isolated communities.

Britain, however, is a special case because its high alcohol-related death rate results from a rate of regional drink consumption which is not significantly above the national average. France, the most alcohol-dependent

country in the West, has two million officially-registered as chronic alcoholics. On an average, the French consume twice the amount of alcohol as Britons or North Americans. One tenth of all Frenchmen are permanently dependent on drink, and nearly half of both French industrial accidents and the country's road accidents are blamed on drunkenness.

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Namibian session

S. Africa ejected from U.N. assembly

UNITED NATIONS, March 3 (Agencies) — South Africa Tuesday seemed less likely than ever to cooperate in implementing a U.N. independence plan for Namibia (Southwest Africa) after being ejected from the General Assembly for the third time in six years. The action came on the first day of a resumed debate which followed the failure in January of a U.N.-sponsored conference in Geneva that was designed to set the plan in motion.

It was South Africa's second unsuccessful attempt to return to the assembly since being suspended in November 1974 because of its

racial policies. A similar bid to take part in a special session on Namibia was rebuffed in May 1979. Each time the South African delegation's credentials were challenged. Outright expulsion from the U.N. can be ordered only by the Security Council.

The South African delegation was ignored Monday by Assembly President Ruediger Von Weizsäcker of West Germany when it tried to respond to a challenge to its credentials by Cameroon, acting on behalf of the African group.

Instead, the meeting was immediately adjourned and the nine-member credentials committee summoned. It voted to reject South Africa's credentials, with only the United States dissenting. The reconvened assembly then endorsed the committee's report by 112 votes to 22 against, with six abstentions.

"You can be sure the South African government won't accept this lying down," Ambassador Adriaan Eksteen told a press conference later after making a telephone call to Pretoria. While declining to spell out what action it might take, he denied it would break off further talks on Namibia.

"We are not in the wrecking business. We are not breaking off anything. We want to continue to play a constructive role," he said.

In Pretoria, South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha reacted by saying his country had been denied the basic right to be heard. He said South Africa was expected to approach the question of Namibia with responsibility in international forums. "This is exactly what we wanted to do and still want to do, but now you can see for yourself how impossible it is being made," he added.

Speaking to the South African Broadcasting Corp. on an evening newscast shortly after the U.N. credentials committee voting, he said: "This is scandalous and revengeful because it must be remembered that South Africa is told daily to help achieve a peaceful settlement in Southwest Africa and therefore to act internationally responsible in that sense."

Botha said this is exactly what South Africa wanted to do, "but now you can see for yourself just how impossible this is being made...and now the world can see just how a country's basic right to be heard is taken away from it. And this is the organization that is supposed to play an objective role in Southwest Africa."

Namibia is a sparsely populated, mineral-rich territory that South Africa has governed since 1920 under a League of Nations mandate since repudiated by the United Nations.

Cracks appear in Taj Mahal

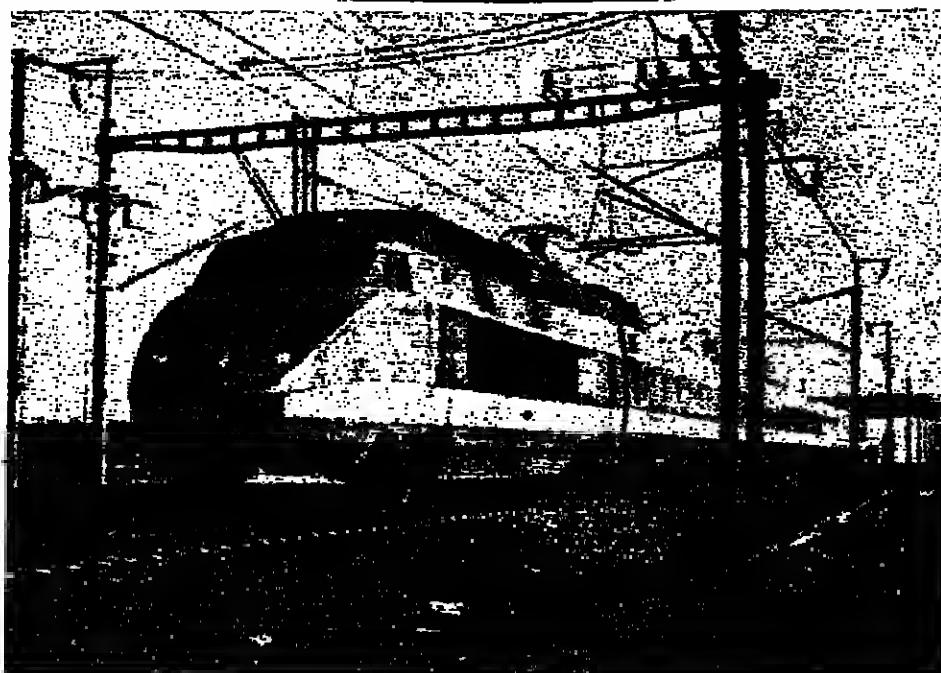
NEW DELHI, March 3 (AFP) — Cracks have appeared in the Taj Mahal, the famed Moghul Era monument at Agra, India's most popular tourist attraction. The cracks were due to "varying temperature over a long period, oxidation and inherent faults in the marble slab," the Indian parliament was informed Monday.

Archaeologists had warned the government that unless precautions were taken the marble mausoleum, built between 1630 and 1652 by Emperor Shah Jahan as a tomb for his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, would fall apart. The Indian Heritage Society, an association of educationists, historians and archaeologists, had said in a recent report that the red sandstone of the Taj Mahal was flaking and the smooth white marble slabs had become coarse and developed black and brown streaks.

Strike cripples Gujarat

NEW DELHI, March 3 (AP) — Most government and bank operations in India's riot-battered Gujarat state were crippled Monday by a one-day strike in support of a powerful student movement, the United News of India reported. At least 30 persons have died since the students began agitating a month ago against the reservation of seats in educational institutions for lower castes.

Tens of thousands of government employees across the western state purposely stayed out of work Monday by taking "mass casual leave" to express support for the anti-reservation movement, spearheaded by graduate medical students, the agency said.



(AP wirephoto)
FASTEST TRAIN: The French high-speed train, SNCF, breaks the world speed record on rails Thursday afternoon near Tonnerre in central France. The speed was 380 kms per hour on a test-run on the future Paris-Lyon line. The train is expected to cover the 500 kms between Paris and Lyon in three hours from September 1981.

Copter escapee reportedly involved in Belgium shootout

MOUSCRON, Belgium, March 3 (AP) — Two men, one identified as a fugitive who escaped by helicopter from a French prison last week, shot and wounded two Belgian state police and briefly kidnapped another Monday near the French border, police said. The gunmen got away in a car, they said.

Police officials initially identified one of the men as Gerard Dupre, 33 — one of two inmates who escaped by helicopter from a French jail last Friday — but said after talking to more witnesses and reconstructing the incident that they were not sure. Officials immediately increased border controls near this east Belgian community several miles from the French border.

Monday's shootout occurred near Estampuis, a small town on the French border, after police stopped a blue Renault 16 during a routine road check. The two men were stopped.

Protesters clash with London police

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Young blacks clashed with police as more than 6,000 non-whites marched through central London Monday to protest what they charged was a "police cover-up" of a house fire in which 13 blacks were killed Jan. 18.

At least 23 protesters were arrested in scuffles. At one stage, blacks hurled bottles at police and several jewelry stores were looted as the march wound through Fleet Street,

ped at about 10:45 a.m. in a car with French license plates, police said. Also in the car was a child and a young woman, who was driving.

A police spokesman said officers Luc Haubert and Serge Delahaye verified the identity papers of the passengers and asked to check the trunk of the car. When the trunk was opened, a man emerged from the car with a revolver, and a second seized a submachine gun from the border policeman.

A scuffle broke out and several shots were fired, during which Haubert was shot in the face, according to a police spokesman. A third policeman, Guy Legendre, who was visiting relatives in the area, came to the aid of his colleagues and was shot in the chest near the heart, the spokesman added.

The gunmen headed away with Delahaye in their car, then released him several miles down the road when the two men abandoned their vehicle, the police spokesman said.

London's newspaper row, Scotland Yard said a half-dozen officers were injured, including three hospitalized after young blacks smashed the windows of their patrol car.

The trouble was the latest in a string of outbursts related to Britain's simmering racial problem, fueled in recent months by a surge of attacks by white extremists and growing non-white hostility toward Britain's police.

Balloon total loss

Trans-Pacific flight aborted

TOKYO, March 3 (AP) — The first attempt to cross the Pacific in a manned balloon was aborted minutes before liftoff early Tuesday morning when a hold-down cable broke and the two-story balloon was irreparably damaged.

"We were within five or 10 minutes of transferring the helium and completing preparations to let up," 50-year-old Ben Abruzzo, captain of the four-man *Double Eagle V*, said in a telephone interview from the launch site in Nagashima, a hot springs resort 290 kms west of Tokyo.

He said it would be impossible to prepare another launch in the next two weeks, a period in which wind conditions are right for the 9,600 kms crossing to the U.S. west coast. "It's a tremendous letdown," he said. "Now we will reorganize as soon as possible for the next possible flight attempt — we hope next year."

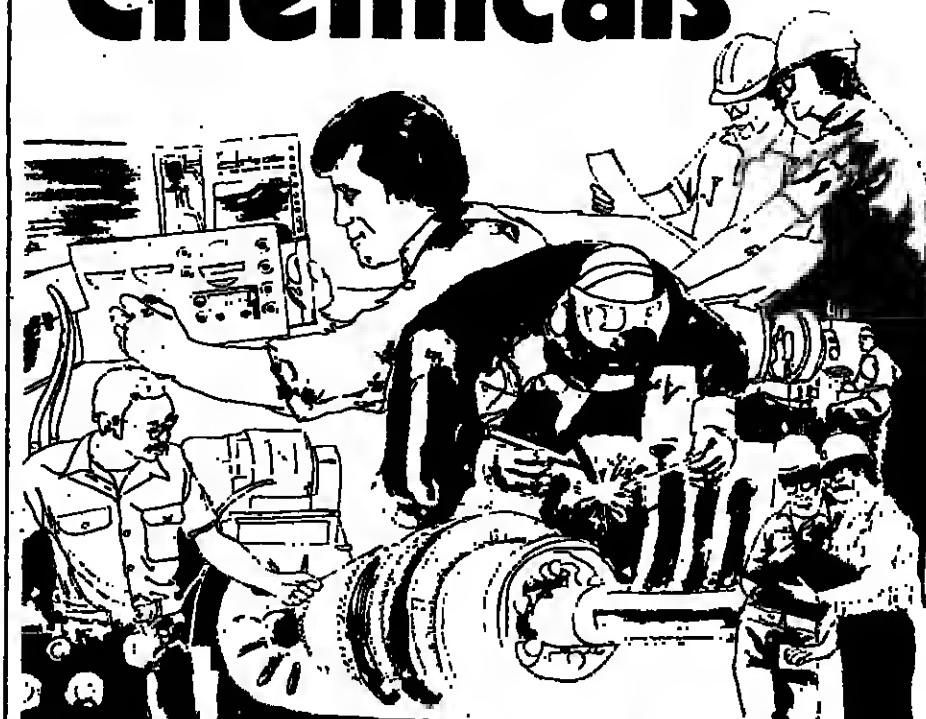
Abruzzo and a second member of the

team, Larry Newman, 33, made history in 1978 when they teamed with Maxie Anderson in the *Double Eagle II* to become the first to cross the Atlantic by helium-filled balloon. Abruzzo and Newman were joined in the cross-Pacific attempt by Ronald Clark, 40, and Japanese restaurateur and entrepreneur Rocky Aoki, 42. The three Americans are from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Abruzzo said they were plagued by minor problems throughout the night before the rigging failed, causing the hold-down cable to jam and break at about 4:30 a.m. (19:30 GMT). The team had also attempted to lift off Sunday night, but called off the flight because of high winds. The four balloonists had hoped to make the voyage to San Francisco in about three days, and if all went well, continue to the U.S. east coast.

Some 500 persons had gathered to see the second attempt under what Abruzzo said were "perfect weather conditions."

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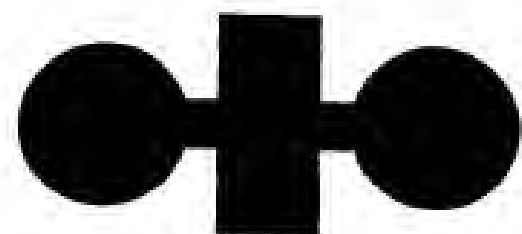
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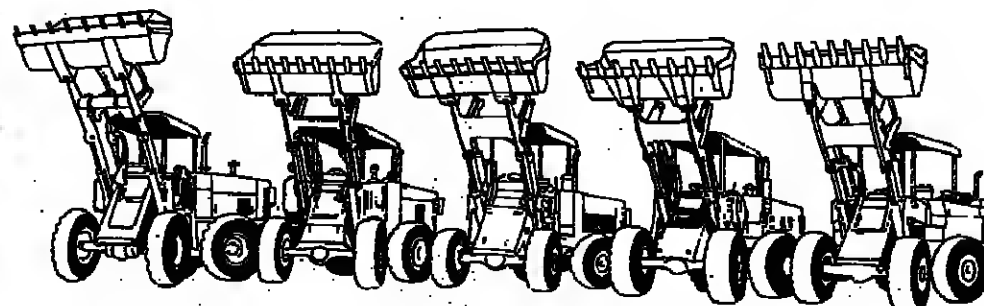
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Funds to be sought

U.S. favors nerve gas weapon

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The Reagan administration is expected to ask Congress for money to prepare for possible production of a new nerve gas weapon, Pentagon sources say. Actual production would start only if President Ronald Reagan made a specific decision to do so.

The new administration's proposals to increase the defense budget for this fiscal year probably will include \$20 million to install production equipment at the army's Pine Bluff, Arkansas arsenal, the sources said.

The Carter administration's farewell defense budget contained no provision for preparations to begin manufacturing binary chemical munitions. Congress voted \$3.1 mil-

lion last year, but it was only to refurbish arsenal buildings.

Binary munitions consist of two chemical components that army experts say are harmless when separate, but which form a lethal nerve agent when mixed. The mixing occurs only after the shell is fired and separate canisters containing the chemicals rupture during flight toward the target, the experts say.

The army has been pressing for years for permission to move into production of binary nerve agent weapons, citing intelligence reports of major Soviet preparations to use chemicals in event of war.

According to the army, the United States has only a marginal capability to retaliate in kind to enemy first use of lethal chemical

weapons. It says the U.S. stockpile of serviceable chemical weapons is decreasing because of aging and obsolescence "and will be unusable by the late 1980s unless improvements are made."

The \$20 million earmarked in the Reagan administration's proposed budget increases, according to documents obtained by the Associated Press, would be used for facilities to produce one of the two binary agents and load it into 155-millimeter shells.

The agent which would be manufactured at Pine Bluff is known as Df. The other, identified as DC, is an alcohol compound which the army said can be readily bought from industrial sources.

"Thus, only an incomplete munition will be produced at Pine Bluff arsenal," the army said. It added that the canisters containing the second chemical compound will be stored at a different site, shipped separately "and will not be mated with the munition until it is loaded at the gun site."

The United States, which has renounced first use of lethal or incapacitating chemical weapons and any resort to germ warfare, began negotiations with the Soviet Union almost four years ago in hopes of arriving at a treaty that would ban chemical weapons. However, the army said negotiations so far "have been disappointing."

Meanwhile, U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, who met with President Reagan Monday, said later that the Soviet Union is trying to separate the United States from its allies and encourage a reduction in money spent on defense by proposing a U.S.-Soviet summit.

Jackson, who said he discussed a wide range of issues with the president, said the Soviets want to "do everything they can to interfere the effort of the president in Congress to build up our forces," but would not be successful.

Jackson said the United States has to improve its defense posture to be able to negotiate, "and then I hope we can get a truly mutual reduction in strategic arms." He said the United States should not rush into a summit with the Soviets. Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev proposed such a summit with Reagan last week.

Bomb defused at German N-plant

WEST BERLIN, March 3 (R) — Explosives experts have defused a bomb at the West Berlin factory of the big nuclear power plant constructor Kraftwerk Union (KWU), police said. The bomb, concealed in a briefcase bound with white tape, was discovered by a worker who alerted police, a spokesman added.


The bomb had broken into the building, where electric turbines are made, he said. Monday, a KWU spokesman said no nuclear or radioactive material was used at the factory. The incident followed the anti-nuclear demonstration at the weekend near Hamburg. Some 50,000 people took part in the protest against the construction of a planned 1,300-megawatt atomic reactor.

Some of the demonstrators hurled rocks and home-made Molotov cocktails at police guarding the site of the plant at Brokdorf Saturday. More than 100 police were injured.

The demonstration fanned controversy about nuclear power, a highly emotive issue in West Germany, where there is a powerful environmental lobby.

The government of Schleswig-Holstein which is building the Brokdorf power station announced in Kiel it was planning to prosecute nine of the ecologist organizers of the demonstration, as well as 63 protestors arrested Saturday.

A state government spokesman said proceedings had been started against Josef Leinen, leader of the National association of citizens' action groups. He would be charged with conspiring to stage an illegal demonstration, the spokesman said. The Brokdorf protest was banned by local authorities, but the ban was overturned by a local court and then reimposed by an appeal court. Tens of thousands of protestors were on their way to Brokdorf by the time the ban was confirmed.



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American's death blamed on microwave radiation

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — A telephone company supervisor who worked with TV relay equipment at New York's Empire State Building was killed by prolonged exposure to microwave radiation, the State Workers' Compensation Board has ruled.

The decision affirmed the first official finding that long-term exposure to microwaves can cause death, lawyers and a spokesman for the board said.

Samuel Yannon, an employee of New York Telephone Company, died of "abnormal, premature aging," according to Dr. Milton Zaret, a radiation specialist and professor at New York University medical school who testified on behalf of Yannon's widow at the compensation board hearing.

Asked Monday to estimate how many other workers were in situations like Yannon's, he said, "It's impossible. There are

too many of them." New York Telephone had no immediate comment on the three-member board's ruling, issued last week.

Yannon, who died in 1974, had to stop work in 1970 after eight years as a supervisor working with microwave equipment on the 87th floor of the building. "As a supervisor, he worked longer there than anyone else," Zaret said.

"The exposure he had (on the job) would not be typical of what you get from a microwave oven," he said. Compensation board spokesman Jack Grubel said the ruling apparently has the first of its kind.

In affirming the administrative law judge's ruling, the panel said it found "direct causal relationship between exposure to microwave radiation during (Yannon's) employment and his subsequent disability... (and) his death."

New loyalty pledge ordered for Chinese armed forces

PEKING, March 3 (AP) — China's army has ordered all its 3.5 million members to take a new oath promising to carry out Communist Party policies and obey military orders, the official Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday.

The order follows a wave of press commentaries warning that some soldiers are skeptical about or even opposed to the party's current pragmatic policies. Xinhua said the new oath is intended for new recruits, but in the first swearing of the oath this year, new and old soldiers all must participate.

The oath, ordered by the army's general staff headquarters and its political department, pledges support for party and government leadership, love for the socialist motherland and willingness to wholeheartedly serve the people.

It also includes a pledge to obey policies and orders, to study politics, acquire academic knowledge and know to kill enemies, to protect secrets, pay attention to spiritual civilization and to be willing to sacrifice

everything to fight for victory.

The official press has discussed two problems that affect army morale — new agricultural policies and unhappiness over job assignments for soldiers returning to civilian life. The new farm policy of more pay for more work rather than equal sharing causes difficulties for families with one member off in the army. Most soldiers come from the countryside.

Subsidies have been ordered to bring the incomes of families of soldiers, disabled veterans and soldiers who died in the line of duty up to average levels. Civilian jobs are a harder quest, with many rural ex-soldiers demanding urban jobs. The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said this would be impossible, and added, "if a man is willing to work hard he can make achievements whatever job he takes."

In addition, after emerging in strong shape from the chaotic 1966-76 "cultural revolution" when many other institutions were thrown into disarray, the army now finds itself losing political power to civilian experts while some of its privileges come under attack.

East German refugee protests Soviet action

MADRID, March 3 (R) — An East German refugee Monday handcuffed himself to the door of the Soviet embassy in Madrid to protest against violation of human rights in East Germany, dissident sources said. Falko Vogt, 19, handed leaflets to passers-by calling on delegates at the European security conference in the Spanish capital to condemn East Germany for the death of a companion, shot while trying to flee from East to West Berlin.

The leaflet said Marienetta Jirkowski died after being shot by East German border police while trying to cross the Berlin Wall with Vogt last November. Vogt also called on the East German authorities to release all prisoners of conscience. Spanish police later cut the handcuffs and detained Vogt for questioning.

BRIEFS

Monday evening by the Colombian radio network Caracol. Bitterman, an official of the Summer Linguistics Institute, was taken away in January by a group claiming membership in the "basic coordination group" — the radical wing of the M-19 opposition guerrilla group.

JAKARTA, (AFP) — An outbreak of cholera on Bali has hurt tourism on the Indonesian island, prompting several tourist agencies there to ask authorities to officially declare that the epidemic had ended. Antara news agency reported Tuesday. The disease killed nine persons and left more than 150 hospitalized on the picturesque island last month.

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — East Germany assumed the presidency of the Security Council Monday for the second time since the two German states joined the United Nations in 1974. The Communist nation is in the second year of its two-year elected term, and previously held the council presidency in February, 1980.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AP) — Two carnival celebrants were killed in a shootout in front of thousands of spectators who were watching a public Samba parade, the police said Monday. The gunmen apparently were members of rival slum gangs, according to the police. Most participants in the famous carnival Samba parades here come from poor neighborhoods.

PEKING, (AFP) — Netherlands Ambassador to Peking Jan Kneppelhout will leave the Chinese capital Thursday following the Chinese decision to downgrade diplomatic representation between the two countries, reliable sources said here Monday. The Chinese government formally recalled its ambassador to Holland, Mrs. Ding Xuesong, and called on The Hague to do the same after the Dutch government decided to allow the sale of two submarines to Taipei.

PARIS, (AFP) — An ex-spy was stabbed to death by his son near here at the weekend in a row over money. Eric, 22, admitted killing father, Georges de Kobor, 69, who fought in Hitler's army on the Russian front and was sentenced by a French court in 1963 to 10 years' jail for having given Poland classified information on French oil policy, in a quarrel at the family home in Versailles, west of Paris.

BOGOTA, (AFP) — U.S. linguist Allen Bitterman, kidnapped last Jan. 19, has been executed, according to a report broadcast

Peru hopes peaceful solution on border

LIMA, Peru, March 3 (AP) — Recent border skirmishes nearly turned into a war between Peru and Ecuador but a peaceful solution to the conflict is being negotiated by the two south American neighbors, Peruvian Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella said.

Speaking on a television program Sunday night, Arias Stella said the beginning of a war "was very near" before peace talks between naval officers from each country began Friday.

The negotiations have been held in the presence of military representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States, the four countries which negotiated a ceasefire on Feb. 2.

Peruvian and Ecuadorian troops fought for five days, beginning on Jan. 28, along an unmarked border some near the Cordillera of the Condor, a mountain range in the western edge of the Amazon jungle, some 1,280 km north of Lima. Eight Ecuadorians and one Peruvian were killed, officials said. Fighting broke out again on Feb. 20 when a Peruvian helicopter was shot down and the co-pilot killed.

Peru warned then that if Ecuador did not get its troops off the eastern slope of the Cordillera of the Condor, which Peru claims, Peruvian armed forces would be authorized to carry the conflict onto Ecuadorian soil.

Arias Stella said Peru would not abandon the border posts seized from Ecuadorian troops during the conflict, but would accept a separation of troops along a 78-kilometer unmarked sector of the mountainous jungle region. Peru is willing to give Ecuador access to the Marañon and Amazon Rivers, as required under a 1942 treaty, Arias Stella said.

In the Ecuadorian capital of Quito, there were contradictory reports on the fate of the negotiations. Some sources said the Cordillera of the Condor would be demilitarized. Others said the negotiating positions of the two countries were so far apart that Ecuador had proposed an arbitration board be appointed with representation from the four mediator nations.

However, Public Information Secretary Augusto Alvarado said "there is optimism and faith that the (negotiations) will find a solid peace and end the frontier conflict."

Akihito visits Sri Lanka

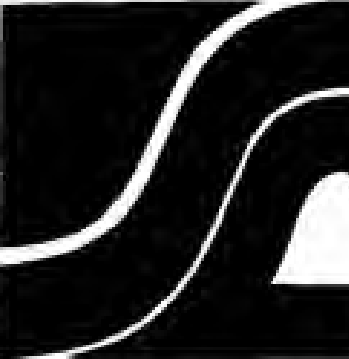
COLOMBO, March 3 (AP) — Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko of Japan flew into Colombo Monday to a traditional hospital. Sri Lankan welcome on a four-day state visit here.

Kandyan dancers in their resplendent finery and drummers beating a welcome added color to the red carpet rolled out for the Japanese couple.

They were met on arrival by Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa and Mrs. Premadasa who introduced the visitors to his cabinet colleagues, diplomats and officials.

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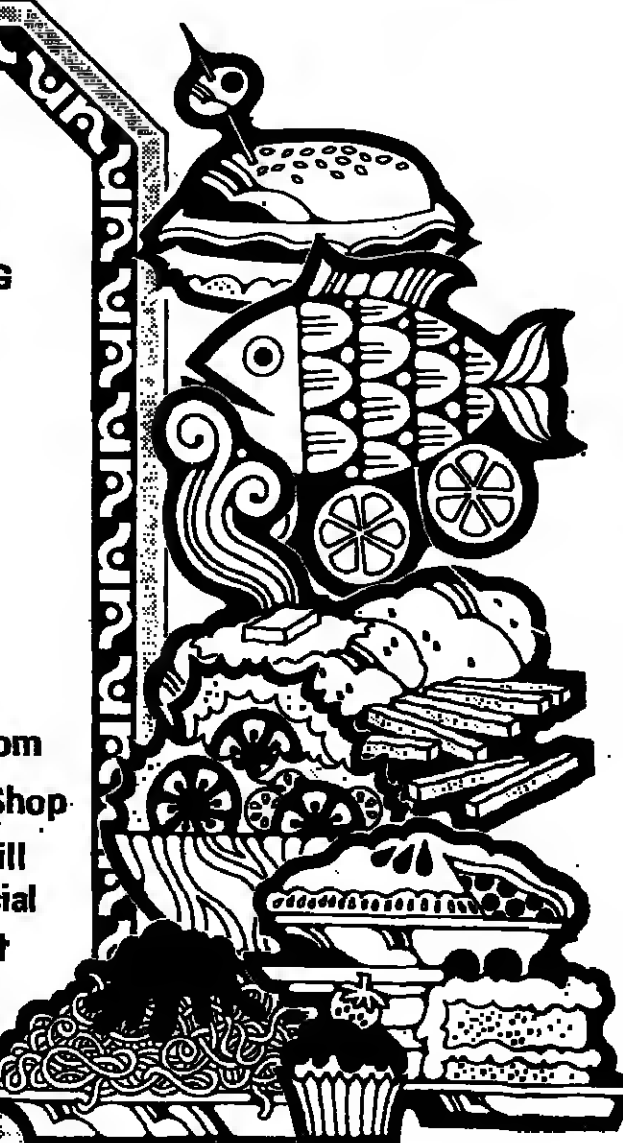
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Stabilization program

IMF grants Peking \$550 million loan

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund has granted China a loan equivalent to \$550 million, the IMF has announced.

The IMF said Monday the credit of 450 million Special Drawing Rights will be used to help a Chinese 1981 economic stabilization program designed to reduce inflationary pressures and shift government investments from heavy to light industry.

The program also seeks to maintain the Chinese current accounts deficit "at a sustainable level," an IMF official said.

The Chinese authorities are cutting back sharply an investment in heavy industry, which caused a substantial state budget deficit in 1979 and strong inflationary pressures, the official explained.

The Chinese are moving this year and next toward expanding their production capacity in the agriculture, light industry and energy sectors.

The shift in the investment pattern is aimed at fostering a rapid, balanced economic growth, the IMF official said.

The 1981 economic program was reviewed by IMF officials who approved the Chinese request for the credit. China joined the IMF in April 1980.

While proceeding with putting its economy on the track, improving its balance of payments, China is not losing sight of the financing possibilities. It is holding discussions with the World Bank on an initial loan aimed at financing a technical training program. Others are said to be under consideration for modernization of certain Chinese ports and energy production.

According to the IMF, China is aiming at attaining stricter control on prices and a new cut in investment — with orientation of the latter toward agriculture, energy production and natural resources.

The Peking government recently decided to defer construction of a steel mill near Shanghai to cost five billion dollars.

Another U.S. bank cuts prime rate to 18.5%

NEW YORK, March 3 (R) — Chemical Bank, the sixth largest in the United States, said it was cutting its prime lending rate to 18.5 per cent, compared with the 19 per cent of other big banks.

Chemical had been charging 19 per cent and said Monday the new rate would apply Tuesday. Chicago's Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company is also charging 18.5 per cent.

Interest rates have been falling slowly since the beginning of the year from the record 21.5 per cent in December.

Chemical Bank's decision, announced after the New York markets had closed, some analysts said could lead to further decreases in U.S. rates of interest.

The prime rate — the rate of interest which banks grant to their most credit-worthy clients — set a record at 21.5 per cent in mid-December before decreasing gradually.



WHAT A HOLE! Workmen examine one of the large craters created in Louisville's HBB Street by an explosion that ripped through the city's sewer system recently.

To control inflation

Reagan pins hope on expanding economy

WASHINGTON, March 3 (R) — President Ronald Reagan said the United States was suffering its worst inflation in 60 years and sought support for his proposals to revitalize the economy through sweeping tax and budget cuts.

"The plague of inflation and stagnation is brutalizing this country," he said Monday in his first speech since proposing his economic recovery program to Congress two weeks ago.

Reagan told a conference of the National League of Cities that the answer was an expanding economy, not more government spending programs.

He said his proposed budget cuts totaling \$45 billion in the 1982 financial year faced a political gauntlet from groups which approved his goals but wanted to be exempt from what he believed were even-handed reductions.

Reagan said that apart from the serious inflation problem, almost eight million Americans were out of work and interest rates were close to 20 per cent. "The time for business-as-usual has passed," he said. "This kind of irresponsibility can't go on."

President Reagan said a government "Goliath" spending more than the country could afford, as well as government regulation and irresponsible economic policies, had

brought Americans to the brink of crisis.

He criticized members of Congress who have called his proposed tax cuts inflationary. "It has been said that taxation is the art of plucking the feathers without killing the bird," he said. "It's time they realized that the bird just doesn't have any feathers left."

He reiterated his promise that the proposed budget cuts, which would affect many social programs if approved by Congress, would not hurt the needy.

He also sought to ease fears of league members that the proposed cuts in federal aid for urban redevelopment would cause industries to flee inner cities and lead to more urban decay.

Reagan said new programs would be developed which, while providing less money than is available in current urban projects, would improve efficiency because local governments would have more power to decide how the funds should be spent.

Meanwhile, in another development, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan met Monday with French Economy Minister Rene Monory, as France's concern mounted over its rising oil bill and effects of high U.S. interest rates.

Monory, who has expressed his concern about interest rates during stopovers on his current north American visit, is to meet with

Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and architect of the U.S. tight money, high interest rate policy.

Interest rates in the United States, now just under 20 per cent, may cost France an extra 15,000 million francs (\$3 billion) this year, as oil imports are paid for in dollars Monory, said.

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French Franc (100)	67.00	67.00	65.90
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Israeli Dinar	32.00	32.50	32.50
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Jordanian Dinar	—	12.20	12.18
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Monsone Universal	Star	Reefer	Containers	"
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Malda	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	Bulk Cement	"
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BRIEFS

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GEORGETOWN, (AFP) — An arbitration tribunal has awarded damages exceeding \$33 million against Pamar International Incorporated — an American construction company, for breach of contract. The damages awarded to the Guyana government, are for breach of contract involving the construction of rice-storage facilities and silos.

LONDON, (AP) — The British spent more than \$433 million \$945 million feeding their pets last year, according to a national survey published Monday by a major pet food manufacturer.

LONDON, (AFP) — The auto manufacturer British Leyland is preparing to announce record losses of about £400 million (\$880 million) in 1980, sources in Automotive circles said. The massive deficit follows losses of £37 million in 1978 and £144 million in 1979.

KHARTOUM, (AFP) — One of the world's biggest agro-industrial complexes, the sugar plant at Kenana, was formally inaugurated Monday some 250 km south of here by Sudan's President.

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Spain, Portugal sign interim fishing accord

MADRID, March 3 (R) — Spain and Portugal have signed an interim fishing agreement involving a 35 per cent reduction in the number of licenses granted to each country's trawlers, official sources have said here.

The provisional four-month agreement was reached in Lisbon Sunday. After talks broke down, Spanish negotiators received instructions from Madrid to accept Portugal's offer for 297 licenses and to grant 279 licenses to Portuguese trawlers, they said.

The bilateral fishing agreement expired last December and was twice extended for a month. Spain was under pressure to reach an agreement with Portugal as its fleet is barred from Moroccan and European Economic Community (EEC) waters because of the expiry of fishing agreements.

Spanish boats are expected to return to EEC waters soon, but only as a result of Madrid's agreement to reduce the size of its licensed fleet.

Qantas Airlines staff to continue strike

CANBERRA, March 3 (AFP) — Qantas Airlines ground staff has voted 797 to 730 to continue a strike that has disrupted Qantas flights around the world for the past month.

At a meeting in Sydney Tuesday morning, the workers voted on a recommendation from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) that they remain on strike because Qantas management was not prepared to compromise on using non-union labor during industrial disputes.

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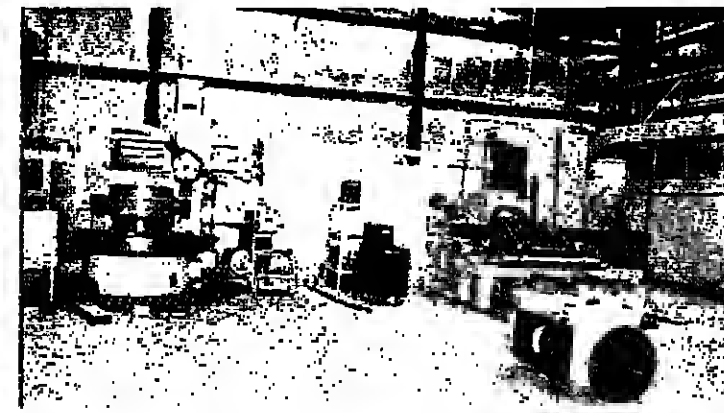
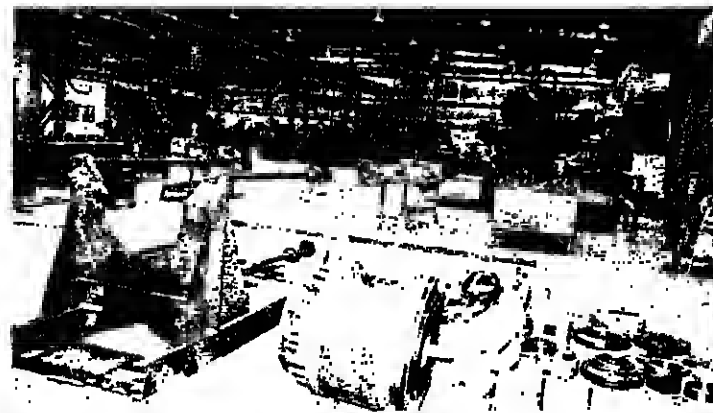
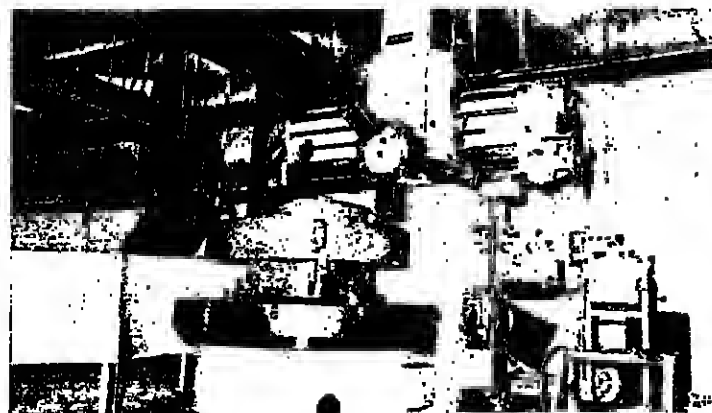
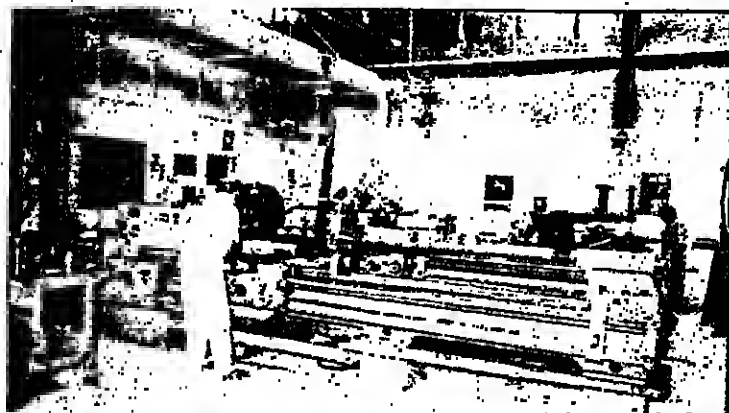
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Borg bows to Vitas

Panatta downs Vijay for title

TURIN, Italy, March 3 (Agencies) — Italian Davis Cup player Adriano Panatta won the men's singles title in the Turin Tennis tournament beating India's Vijay Amritraj 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 Sunday.

The Indian had the Italian star struggling all the way, having lost the first game. Amritraj came back strongly in the next to restore parity. But Panatta bagged the decider to clinch the issue.

In Hang Kong, Vitas Gerulaitis defeated Bjorn Borg 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 in the last of three exhibition matches between the two stars. Borg had won the first two matches in Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur to clinch the series 2-1.

Meanwhile, Butch Walts defeated Steve Denton 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 in a first round match of the \$125,000 United Bank Tennis Classic Monday.

Ferdi dwned South African Bernard Mitton 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Tagyan will face the winner of the match between Lie Nastase and Jim Delaney in second round play.

The match produced 34 aces, with Walts collections most of the clean service winners in nearly 2½ hours of play. Bruce Manson ousted Chris Mayotte 7-6, 6-0 in another match while Nick Saviano defeated John Hayes 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The "veteran" Martina Navratilova, only 24 years old herself, says the young crop of women tennis players may be the best ever.

Canadians top

JACA, Spain, march 3 (AFP) — Canada beat Finland to win the gold while Japan defeated Spain to win the bronze as the ice hockey competition at the World Student Winter Games closed here Monday night. The Canadians clinched a predictable overall win when they beat Finland 6-1 despite a magnificent performance from Finnish goal-keeper Rafanen. The period scores were 1-0, 2-1, 3-0.

"I think Andrea Jaeger is better than I was at this age, and Tracy Austin is better than Chris Evert was at this age," Navratilova said Monday night after downing Kate Latham 6-4, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles.

The 18-year-old Austin, the top seed in the event, had to withdraw Monday after her back began bothering her again. Not due to play her first match until Monday, she practiced for some three hours on Sunday and the pinched nerve in her back acted up again.

Austin, who first hurt her back almost two months ago, now has missed five women's tournaments.

Navratilova, the no. 2 seed, overpowered the unseeded Latham in their match that ran just 55 minutes. "I know I was a little rusty

the wholly match," she said afterward. "But I hit the shots when I had to."

In Monday's first-round action, Leslie Allen outlasted Mary Lou Piatek 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, and Beth Herr downed Glynis Coles of Great Britain 6-2, 6-3. Coles, however, gets another chance since she was to take Austin's spot against Anne Kijomura.

Also Monday, Maren Louie won her match with Susan Leo of Australia when Leo was forced to withdraw after injuring her left foot. Leo had won the first set 6-4 and lost the second 7-5.

Injury has hit Paul McNamee too. The Australian number one has been forced to pull out of his country's Davis Cup first round match with France at Lyon, starting on Friday because of back injury. His place will be taken by Mark Edmondson.

Assad takes Yellow Rose to second berth

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, March 3 — A fine all-round show by Assad helped Yellow Rose get the better of Indian Embassy and share the second berth with Shalimar in the Ali Reza Cricket League Friday.

Assad bagged seven Indian Embassy wickets conceding 48 runs and then went on to score a sparkling 46 paving the way for Yellow Roses' victory.

Nassar (23) and Iftikhar (35) gave Indian Embassy a splendid start when they put on 47 runs in even time, but at the fall of Nassar's wicket, Assad struck dead to dismiss them for 134.

Yellow Rose, in reply, began badly losing their openers with just 16 runs on board. But Assad and Salman rallied them with a stand of 49 runs. Khalid with an unbeaten 34 also played a prominent role in Yellow Rose's victory. After retiring hurt, having been hit on the nose, the daring batsman returned with his side's score at 115 for 2 to see them through. Maqsood was the most impressive

bowler for the Indians claiming 4 for 66 while Nassar bagged 3 for 25.

Red Sea maintained their unbeaten run beating NAI by nine wickets. Having dismissed NAI for just 85 runs, Red Sea hit required runs for victory at the loss of just Fayaz's wicket.

In other one-sided matches, Pak Saudi beat Sikander by six wickets, Shalimar beat

Jeddah RFC keeps unbeaten sequence

By Laurie Thomas
JEDDAH, March 3 — Outstanding performances from Phil Warder and Steve Gilchrist led Jeddah RFC to a stunning 30-0 victory over the Al-Khobar Eagles, last weekend in what many of the players described as "the best match we've ever had." This now brings Jeddah to an unbeaten run of five games this season.

Jeddah plays (host) to the Eagles on March 13 (unlucky for one of the teams!) in a return fixture which will see Jeddah trying for a six-



Adriano Panatta

Honda by eight wickets and Hochstet beat JCC by seven wickets.

Making first use of the wicket, JCC totalled 188 for 8 with Tariq (58), Sbaheen (46) and Fazal (35) being their main contributors. Hochstet, however, got the required runs at the expense of three wickets. Gulrez (72), Javid (33) and Fazal (34) doing well for them.

game streak, and the Eagles seeking revenge for the home-match thrashing.

Gilchrist rounded off his performance by scoring the final try after a spectacular team effort which left four Eagles players lying exhausted and beaten in the wake of the marauding Jeddah players.

Iries from Mark Rodgers, Owen McLoughlin, and newcomer Mick Lyons put the score beyond doubt with conversions by Dave Pethers and two penalties from Mark Rodgers adding the cream to Jeddah's fine effort.

Sally Little triumphs

CITY OF INDUSTRY, California March 3 (AP) — Sally Little won the \$150,000 Olympic Gold Classic the easy way, but the 29-year-old South African wasn't about to return the \$22,500 first prize. However, she did give some of it away.

Little was declared the winner of the weather-plagued Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament, originally scheduled for 72 holes, when rain at Industry Hills washed out play on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

"Some people may say that I was lucky to win, but I'll tell you that I played very well," said Little, whose 4-under-par, 36-hole total of 142 from consecutive rounds of 71 on Thursday and Friday stood up for a one shot victory. Little led after two days on a really tough course and made only two bogeys in two rounds.

Following her second tournament victory of 1981 Little donated \$2,500 to the Bob Hope Cancer fund and another \$2,500 to the California Hospital Medical Center. The charities were the beneficiaries of the event at the 5,978-yard, par-73 Eisenhower course.

"When I played the course, it shocked me with its toughness but the more I played it, the more I found it suited my game," said

Little, the 1981 LPGA leader in earnings with \$45,732. "I'm excited about winning, guess that's the only advantage of leading a tournament after 36 holes and having the last two rounds washed out."

After the third round was postponed Saturday, tournament officials said the event would be shortened to 54 holes, the prize would remain the same and play would extend beyond Monday.

Hall of fame Kathy Whitworth, the LPGA's all-time leading money winner, and young Lori Garbacz tied for second at 143. Each collected \$12,600. Whitworth now has a career total of \$930,059 in earnings.

Little, Garbacz and Whitworth, the first threesome, had completed eight holes Saturday when the round was postponed. Play was called off Sunday and Monday before any of the field of 73 pros and one amateur began to play.

Two strokes off the pace at 144 was Nancy Lopez Melton, who won \$7,500. Beth Daniel was alone at 145 and earned \$6,000.

Six players — Sandra Palmer, Jeannette Kerr, Sandra Haynie, Martine Flinoy, Amy Alcott and Janet Alex — finished four strokes off the pace and collected \$4,275 apiece.

All-England Open

Draw favors Liem Swie

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — A record number of 25 countries will take part in the 71st all-England Open Badminton Championships at the Wembley Arena from March 25-29.

The tournament sees the return of Thailand, who rejoined the International Badminton federation last May, but China, members of the World Badminton Federation, are still absent although a considerable power in the game.

The draw for the championships was made at the Sportsman's Club at Tottenham Court Road, London, Monday.

In the men's singles, the draw has favored Indonesia's Liem Swie King, the number one seed and 1978 and 1979 champion more than his compatriot, Rudy Hartono, who makes a return to Wembley after several years absence, after having won the singles for a record eighth time in 1976.

In contrast, Hartono, in the bottom half of the draw, has to play Flemming Delfs of Denmark in his opening match and also had his compatriot Lius Pongoh, England's Ray Stevens (who took a game off him in last September's tournament at the Albert Hall in London) and last, but not least, India's Parakash Padukone, the defending champion, in his section.

Admittedly, Padukone who now lives in Denmark, has somewhat lost his form since his victory at Wembley last March and this is reflected in the fact that he is seeded no higher than sixth.

In the women's singles, Denmark's Lene Koppen, winner of the past two years, and top seed, seems to have the easier draw, with Japan's Atsuko Tokuda (doubles champion

in 1978 with her compatriot Takada Indonesia's Verawaty and Canada's Wend Carter, in her half.

In contrast, the surprise newcomer Sun Hwang of South Korea, seeded number two after her exploits in the World Championship in Jakarta and World Cup in Tokyo has Indonesia's Ivanan and Japan's Yoshiki Yonekura in her section.

In addition, Hawang will have a third round clash with the winner of the match between Japan's Hiroe Yuki, the 1974, 1977 and 1977 champion, and England's Jan Webster, the number seven seed who beat the Japanese girl in the quarter-finals two years ago.

Tour decision put off

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 3 (AP) — Cricket followers continued guessing Monday over the future of England's disrupted tour of the West Indies as a political decision on the matter was delayed to another day.

The meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed twice. Foreign Minister Lester Bird of Antigua, delayed by other business, was not expected in Barbados until late Monday. Jamaican Foreign Minister Hugh Shearer on Monday was back in Kingston where he was helping his ruling Jamaica Labor Party in local government elections. It was not known when or if he would arrive.

Barbados Foreign Minister Henry Fonde who is expected to chair the meeting, said a decision could be expected Tuesday. The Minister John Osborne of the small British island colony of Montserrat where the England team is scheduled to play against the Leeward Islands was also expected to attend.

Footballer feared kidnapped

BARCELONA, March 3 (AFP) — Spanish international footballer Joaquin Castro, known to fans as Quini, may have been kidnapped by a band of small-time criminals. Interested only in the money they could receive from a ransom.

The nationwide police search mounted Monday, when Quini was reported missing, has investigated a string of telephone calls and communications claiming responsibility for the kidnapping.

One of the first came from a group calling themselves the "Catalan Basque battalion." The Barcelona team were "separatists" and

did not deserve to win the Spanish First Division title, their communique said. Barcelona are due to play League leaders Athletic Madrid next Sunday in a match seen as crucial for the League title.

Another organization calling itself "P.E.R." said it was responsible and demanded 350 million pesetas (\$4 million within 48 hours, for the footballer's liberation.

The police are not convinced, however, and still consider that Quini may have been kidnapped by a band of small-time hoodlums.

Punched, pounded and pummeled by scandals

By John Berry
The Washington Post

NEW YORK, March 3 — The Fight game has been pounded and pummeled by some classic scandals over the years. But many inhabitants of the often seamy world of professional boxing invariably describe the sport's latest problems — particularly the MAPs affair — as something other than another boxing scandal.

"It's not a boxing scandal, it's a banking scandal," says Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, Muhammad Ali's former doctor, now a fight consultant for NBC sports.

Briefly, the allegation is that promoter-matchmaker Harold J. Smith and some friendly officers at the Wells Fargo Bank teamed up to embezzle about \$21.3 million over the past three years, according to a bank suit. The money allegedly was used to finance Smith's jets, cars and condos and the fantastic purses he paid fighters to hoist high the banner of his company, Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Inc. (MAPs).

Smith, the 37-year-old central character in the complex drama, masked his recently modest past in Alabama with trendy clothes and a lavish life style.

For a while, Smith's aggressive, free-spending ways confused and worried such top boxing promoters as Bob Arum and Don King, himself reportedly under FBI investigation in a case involving alleged profit-skimming from boxing events he promoted.

Whatever the outcome of the litigation and the FBI investigation currently under way in Los Angeles, the affair is a reaffirmation of a boxing-business golden rule: There's no such thing as financial excess — if you can get away with it.

Unlike football, baseball, tennis or just about any other major professional sport, boxing is virtually unregulated. Even the nominal leadership of professional boxing is split between rival factions, the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association. Then there are the various state commissions, which generally are viewed as toothless.

The result is a Laissez-Faire atmosphere that makes promoters beholden to almost no one.

The basic elements used by a promoter in putting together a big-time fight deal are simple enough. They include a champion and a challenger, a hall, television rights and as many advertisements as can be fit on a pair of

boxing trunks or a ring post. And perhaps most important, there has to be a multimillion-dollar purse to generate headlines for weeks before the fight.

But while the elements are pretty much the same for all championship bouts, it's the fine hand of the promoter that makes each fight unique.

The first trick is getting the champion to agree to a fight, says Pacheco. The promoter

Angeles, which promotes many fights at its hotel-casino in Las Vegas, including 12 championship bouts in 1980. "When a promoter goes to a fighter's manager, and he agrees to pay an amount, the manager or the fighter doesn't have any idea what the promoter is getting for site rights, television, advertising or anything else."

One notable exception, of course, is Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard's manager, Mike



THE BIG TWO: Harold Smith (right) chairman of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports (MAPS) at a meeting of the Hawaii Boxing Commission in Honolulu. Ali is at the left.

Does this, he says, "by maintaining a steady drizzle of lies."

The promoter, says Pacheco, tells a challenger that he has the champion lined up and he tells the champion that he has a network willing to pay millions to carry the fight. In the meantime, he is trying to convince CBS or NBC or ABC to broadcast the fight by telling them he has the champion and the challenger in his pocket. "And all this time, he's lying like crazy," says Pacheco.

"There are no poor promoters around," says Bob Holloran, director of sports and special events for Caesars World in Los

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With Duran the champion and Leonard the challenger, King struck the deal with Hyatt Management Corp., which operates the superdome. The two fighters were guaranteed \$17.2 million — \$7 million to Leonard and \$10 million to Duran-King.

It was a disaster for Hyatt, with rows of seats left empty in the cavernous Superdome and at a record 365 closed-circuit sites around the world. The privately owned Hyatt Company does not publish its financial results, but boxing industry sources estimate the loss was as high as \$8 million.

Denzil Skinner, who signed the deal for Hyatt and now works in a Hyatt subsidiary called Facility Enterprises in McLean, says bitterly, "you've seen the last of guaranteed purses for a long time."

Skinner, who clearly has given the New Orleans fiasco a lot of thought in the months since, blames his troubles on three factors: "There had been lousy television reception on the first Leonard-Duran fight, which caused customers to stay away for the second one. Ticket prices kept going up because we were crazy enough to pay guarantees. And the economic times were not the best."

Even as the managements of Montreal's Olympic Stadium and New Orleans' Superdome lick their wounds, Madison Square Garden has made a bid to return to big-time boxing after two years out of it.

Now, with MAPs under a cloud, the Garden is hustling to make its own deal. It's a measure of what's happened to boxing in recent years that the Garden has relied on Smith to promote a fight, instead of promoting it itself, as it would have only a few years ago.

Meanwhile, in Las Vegas, Caesars Palace has discovered that big-time boxing attracts big-time gamblers, and the combination of the two has translated to big profits in the casino.

The bottom line, according to Trainer, who is unusually candid in discussing fight

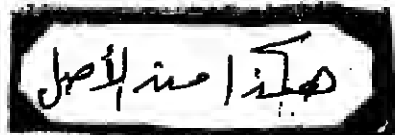
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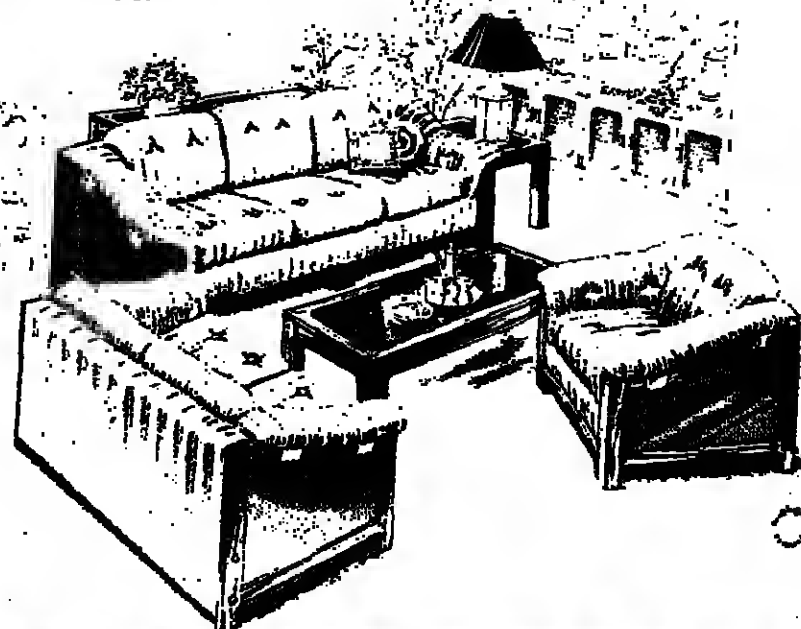
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To deprive Utah of outright win

Wyoming scores upset victory

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a weekly roundup of sports in the United States compiled by Cynthia Shanley from our Houston Bureau.

Senior forward Kenneth Ollie scored 19 points in Collegiate Basketball action Saturday, including a pair of free throws in the closing seconds, to lead Wyoming to a 53-50 upset win over seventh-ranked Utah in a Western Athletic Conference (WAC) game.

Utah, which had already clinched at least a tie for the WAC title, was deprived of a chance to win the crown outright with Saturday's loss. Wyoming, meanwhile, moved within one game of the Utes with one conference game left.

In an Atlantic Coast Conference game ACC), Duke beat 11th-ranked North Carolina 66-55 in a game that went into overtime. Forward Gene Banks sent the game into a overtime on a jumper at the buzzer, then hit a follow shot with 19 seconds remaining in overtime to give Duke the victory and tie for 5th place with Clemson in the ACC standings. In other ACC games, North Carolina State defeated Wake Forest 66-65 and Virginia beat Maryland with a 74-63 victory.

American Mark Aguirre scored 31 points and Terri Cummings added 22 to lead DePaul in its biggest scoring spree of the season. A 105-95 victory over City Rival Loyola. DePaul blew to a quick 18-2 lead and Loyola never recovered.

Sixth-rated Notre Dame defeated Dayton

70-57 with seniors Kelly Tripuka and Tracy Jackson scoring 20 points apiece in their final home game for the Irish.

Number eight Iowa demolished Wisconsin, 96-75 in big-ten Conference play over the weekend. The victory means Iowa retains a one-game lead over second-place Indiana.

Sophomore guard Byron Scott scored 14 of his game-high 28 points in the second half to pace fifth-ranked Arizona State to an 81-68 victory over California in a Pacific ten Conference game.

Tenth-ranked Tennessee pulled away from Auburn for a 75-63 Southeastern Conference victory, led by Gary Carter who plunged into a first-half scoring spree and finished with a game-high 20 points.

Illinois outdied Purdue 81-70 in big ten action. Illinois connected 76 per cent of its 29 field-goal attempts in the second half with many of the scores coming on fast-break layups.

Sophomore guard Isaiah Thomas scored six of his career-high 39 defeated points while igniting a 10-point Indiana streak as the Hoosiers defeated Michigan 98-83 to keep their hopes for the big-ten Championship alive.

Top-seeded Virginia Commonwealth used a balanced attack of whip South Florida 53-45 and moved into the championship game of the Sun belt Conference tournament against Alabama-Birmingham.

And in the Southwestern Conference (SWC) over the weekend it was Texas A.M.

over Houston 78-77, Texas over Rice 90-80, and Baylor over Texas Christian University. Conference champion Arkansas defeated Texas Tech, 64-61.

In the National Basketball Association, the golden state Warriors romped to a 110-101 victory over the Kansas City Kings. The Warriors ended Kansas City's nine-game home-court winning streak.

Another winning streak came to an abrupt halt when the Houston Rockets were defeated by the San Diego Clippers, 104-103. The Rockets streak was ended at five.

Larry Kenon scored 20 points and Reggie Theus, held scoreless until midway through the second quarter, added 17 to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 101-97 victory over the New York Knicks. It was the 1,000 game for Red Holzman as coach for the Knicks, during which time he has compiled a 571-429 record. The victory gave the Bulls a two-game lead over Washington in their race for the sixth and final Eastern Conference play-off berth.

The Detroit Pistons beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-109, with Terry Tyler pouring in 31 points and hauling down 14 rebounds to lead the Pistons' attack.

In other NBA games it was the Indiana Pacers over the Dallas Mavericks, 118-111; the Chicago Bulls defeating the Washington Bullets, 112-100. The Jets losing to the Los Angeles Lakers, 107-103 and the Portland Trail Blazers over the Phoenix Suns, 121-117.

Aussies shot out cheaply

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan March 3 (AP) — The touring Australian under-19 cricketers were all out for 163 ten minutes before the close on the first day of their two-day limited overs match against the Board of Control of Pakistan (BCCP) patrons 11 at the Pindi Club ground on Monday.

Skipper Salim Malik won the toss on a rain-hit drying wicket and put Australians in to bat when the match began after an hour's delay. Doug Harris (15) and Andre Ledger (19) who opened the visitors' innings took their score to 39 for no loss of the stipulated 22 overs up to lunch.

The home skipper used two pace men and switched to double spin attack in search of a breakthrough but to no avail. Pacer Asif Afridi succeeded in tempting Doug Harris in his fourth ball of his over but his fellow speedster Zakir Khan failed with an easy catch at short-leg.

The Australians losing six wicket in post lunch period were struggling at 117 for six wickets at tea.



ALL EYES UP: Middlesbrough's Ashcroft and Armstrong together with Leary Arsenal have their eyes on the ball as they leap in the English Football match Saturday. The encounter ended in a 2-2 tie.

It will be East versus West in European Soccer Cup

LONDON, March 3 (R) — In the 26-year history of the European Soccer Cup it is arguable whether the fates have ever conjured up a more intriguing quarter-final line-up than the four ties to be fought out on Wednesday.

All four clashes will be East-West affairs, and while Eastern Europe has never produced a winner, the four western clubs boast 13 successes between them.

Bayern Munich of West Germany entertain Czechoslovakia's Banik Ostarva, Real Madrid of Spain travel to the Soviet Union to meet Spartak Moscow, England's Liverpool play hosts to Ciska Sofia of Bulgaria and Italy's Internazionale meet Yugoslav visitors Red Star Belgrade.

Cska will be bidding to end England's four-year lease on the magnificent trophy against Liverpool, champions in 1977 and 1978.

In the first round, the Bulgarians surprisingly despatched England's other representatives, 1979 and 1980 victors Nottingham Forest, 2-0 on aggregate, and they will be confident of another upset win.

But Cska will not be lulled into believing that Liverpool's recent sagging domestic form means they will be facing a slumbering giant.

Liverpool have all but relinquished the English Championship to Ipswich or Aston Villa, but an astonishing run of six games without a win they struck top form to beat Southampton 2-0 on Saturday.

Real Madrid, too, have been struggling this season and despite 3-1 win over Las Palmas at the weekend they trail neighbors Atletico by six points in the Spanish league.

But Real, who won the Cup a record six times in the 1950's and 1960's, have a habit of reserving their best for European campaigns.

Much will depend on their defense as Spartak go all out to build up a first-leg advantage on home soil. Internazionale, winners in 1964 and 1965, will be looking to claim their semifinal place with a big win over Red Star in Milan.

Internazionale have the attacking strength to do just that, with striker Sandro Altobelli thriving on the service provided by Austrian midfield star Herbert Prohaska.

Wales recalls Clive Rees

CARDIFF, March 3 (AFP) — Clive Rees, the 29-year-old London Welsh winger, has been recalled by Wales for the clash with France in Paris on Saturday.

Rees, who won the last of his three caps against Netherlands, comes in on the right-wing, allowing British Lion David Richards to return to the center to take over from Peter Morgan, who broke three ribs in the 2-8 victory over Ireland nine days ago.

Rees' inclusion is the only change made by the Welsh selectors, although captain Jeff Squire still has to prove that he has recovered from a back injury.

First capped against Ireland in 1974, Rees had to live in the shadows of Gerald Davies and Williams for many years, but for them he would have made many more appearances.

Richards, whose best position is undoubtedly center, has had a disappointing time since returning from the British Lions tour of South Africa last year.

Swansea's Alan Donovon came on as replacement for Morgan against Ireland, but the greater experience of Richards could prove vital at the Parc Des Princes, where the prize for the winners is the guarantee of at least a share of the championship.

Richards and Ray Gravell have never played alongside each other for Wales, but they were together when the Lions gave their best performance in South Africa last summer, a 32-12 victory over Transvaal.

Richards dislocated his shoulder in that match, an injury that put him out of the tour. He is still trying to recapture the form that made him such an exciting player the previous season.

Following the dropping of seven players after the defeat by Scotland last month, including captain Steve Fenwick and full-back Jp Williams, the Welsh selectors were naturally delighted that their gamble paid off with victory over Ireland.

The manner of their win was hardly impressive — Ireland scored both tries of the match — but Wales have kept faith with Bridgend half-backs Pearce and Gerald Williams, who were both making their debuts.

Pearce, who kicked the match-winning drop goal, had an uncertain game and it was his poor pass that led to Morgan's injury, but the temptation to bring back Gareth Davies has been resisted.

Europeans dominate

JACA, Spain, March 3 (AFP) There were gold medals for the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and France as European countries continued to dominate the World Winter Student Games here Monday.

The most outstanding win of the day came from Czechoslovak Bobumir Zeman in the men's alpine skiing giant slalom, finishing ahead of Tomaz Cerkovnik of Yugoslavia and Peter Popangelov of Bulgaria, an East European clean sweep.

Motocross photo contest

Friday's EMCA Motocross meet will also be the venue for keen amateur photographers as they vie for prizes in an exciting competition.

The Camera contest is sponsored by Ahmad Hasan Fitaifi, watch and jewelry specialist, who will be giving one of their new Certina watches as the first prize, and Arab News, who will be offering a six-month free subscription of the daily for the second best picture taken at the event.

The picture can be about anything related to the meet and the winners will be chosen by Dick Massey, photographic editor of Arab News.

Any size print, preferably black and white will do, but all entries must be accompanied by an entry form (printed below) cut from Arab News. Entries should be sent to the sports editor, Arab News, P.O. Box 4556 Jeddah. Last date for entries is March 20. The winning name and photograph will be published on March 26 and 27.

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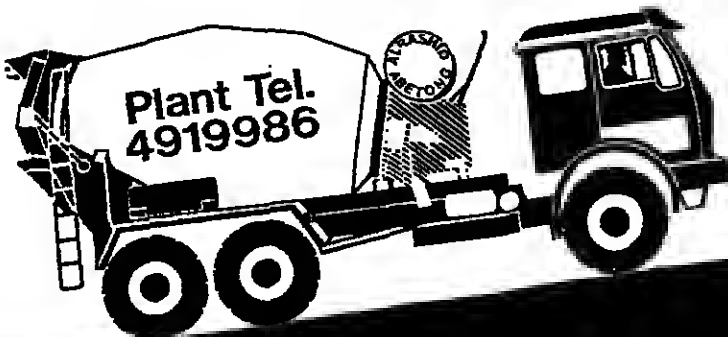
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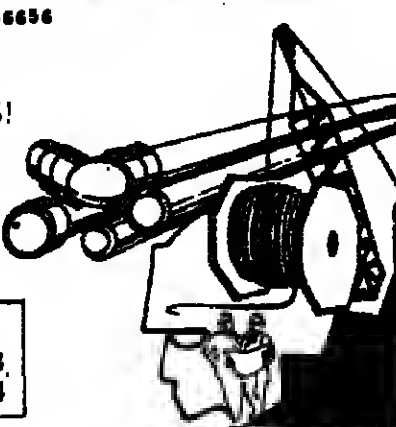


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Leftist offensive feared

Americans to train Salvadoreans

WASHINGTON, March 3 (R) — The Reagan administration plans to send 20 more military advisers to train government forces in El Salvador as part of a \$25 million program to help the ruling junta combat leftist rebels. State Department spokesman William Dyess said Monday the aid plan would allow El Salvador to acquire more helicopters, vehicles, radar and small arms.

Four five-man military training teams would be sent to instruct Salvadorean personnel in communications, intelligence, logistics and other skills, he said. Dyess told reporters the guerrillas were regrouping after a big offensive against the government in January

and could be preparing to launch another such attack. "The way to prevent something is to prepare for it," he said.

The extra military training teams will bring the number of U.S. personnel on duty in the central American state to 54, including the six navy advisers sent at the weekend. Dyess stressed that all the men had been instructed not to leave their military garrisons or to take part in combat operations, but added that the Americans would carry sidearms and "will be able to defend themselves."

Dyess said that although he did not intend to convey a sense of urgency, "we want to improve as much as possible the (El Sal-

vador) government's ability to deal with this problem." He noted that, as well as the boost in military assistance, the United States expected to increase its current \$63 million worth of economic aid to El Salvador.

The Salvadorean forces had successfully resisted the rebels' January offensive which was supported by a massive influx of arms from Cuba and other Communist countries, Dyess said. "However, the insurgents are regrouping and massive amounts remain in their hands," either in El Salvador or nearby waiting to be smuggled in, he said.

The U.S. administration has said that much of the arms traffic had flowed through Nicaragua. But Secretary of State Alexander Haig Monday said the Nicaraguan government had pledged to stop shipments across its territory, a move that could bring resumption of aid to that central American country.

Meanwhile, 43 Democratic members of Congress sent a telegram to President Reagan protesting against the decision to send in more military advisers and warning him of possible U.S. casualties.

Officials said Monday that the Ronald Reagan administration's temporary cutoff of aid to Nicaragua will become permanent in about two weeks unless there is clear evidence that Nicaragua has terminated arms shipments to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said Nicaragua has admitted collaborating with the Salvadorean guerrillas and has given assurances it will no longer cooperate with them. At stake is the \$15 million development assistance approved under the previous Jimmy Carter presidential administration.

In San Salvador, Salvadorean President Napoleon Duarte said Monday he is ready to meet with representatives of the Socialist International to seek a political solution to the bloody conflict here that cost more than 12,000 lives in 1980.

The possibility of a political solution to the conflict was suggested by leftist organizations late in January shortly after a so-called general offensive by the guerrilla groups. The leftists failed to gather the support they had anticipated.



LONDON PROTEST: Black volunteers demonstrate in Fleet Street Monday when thousands from all over Britain marched to Downing Street to protest police handling of the Deptford fire in January which claimed 13 lives. Some blacks believe the fire was the work of white racists and claim the police are not trying to find the culprit. McNeel is the police chief.

Charles to wed on July 29

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Lady Diana Spencer, will be married on July 29 at London's St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday.

Palace spokesman Michael Shea said that the choice of St. Paul's instead of Westminster Abbey, the traditional choice for recent royal weddings and funerals, was influenced by the greater size of the 273-year-old cathedral designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the capital's "city of London" financial district.

The 32-year-old Prince of Wales and Lady Diana, 19-year-old daughter of the Earl Spencer, announced their engagement last Tuesday, ending months of speculation. After the wedding, Lady Diana will be known as Her Royal Highness Princess of Wales.

Historic St. Paul's Cathedral has been the scene of many great state occasions, the most notable being the 1965 funeral of World War II leader Sir Winston Churchill. Shea said St. Paul's, which can seat 2,500 persons, was the personal choice of Charles and Diana, rather than the abbey, where Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, married Prince Philip in 1947.

The guest list, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said, has not yet been drawn up. U.S. President Ronald Reagan has already said he wants to be there, and the list is expected to include statesmen and ruling — or deposed — monarchs all over the world.

Pakistan seeks help

Hijacker sets deadline to blow up PLA Boeing

KARACHI, March 3 (AP) — A hijacker threatened to blow up the Pakistani jetliner he diverted to Kabul, Afghanistan, unless his demands are met in 24 hours, Pakistan International Airlines sources said Tuesday.

They said the hijacker was armed with a grenade-like device, but gave no indication whether he had begun his countdown. The plane, a Boeing 720, carried 148 people, and security forces in Kabul surrounded the jetliner.

The sources said the hijacker's demands included the release of some people, including his father and brother, who were seized during recent political disturbances in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city.

They identified the hijacker as Muhammad Alamgir, said he was a follower of executed Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and that they were in radio cockpit contact with him via the control tower at Kabul airport.

The Pakistani government said it asked the Soviet, U.S. and other governments to use what influence they had in Kabul to resolve the crisis, and that some of the governments offered to help. It did not say which ones.

Pakistan has condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and repression against anti-Communist Muslim patriots, and Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have condemned Pakistan for aiding the patriots.

Meanwhile, security officials at Karachi airport were interrogating personnel who were on duty when the plane departed Monday for Peshawar, in northern Pakistan. They said the hijacker's name was not on the flight manifest and that authorities suspected he may have been gotten aboard without going through regular ticket or checking formalities.

Bhutto's widow Nusrat, who heads her husband's party and is in the forefront of an opposition drive against Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq, said the hijacking demonstrated "that many people are desperate for change. Our party follows the parliamentary route. We believe in civil disobedience. But we can certainly sympathize with those people who feel desperate enough."

In a statement issued Tuesday, the People's Party asserted that the hijacking was not conducted on its instructions. However, it called the incident an indication that Pakistan was tired of martial law rule. During radio contact, the hijacker said from the cockpit that he had accomplices aboard the aircraft and that he was carrying light arms along with a hand grenade, a well-connected regime source disclosed.

The informant, who declined to be identified, said there were presumptions the hijacker in the cockpit was not alone because others apparently were required to watch passengers while Kabul airport staff brought blankets and food aboard Monday night.



VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS: U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig (left) is escorted by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim during Haig's visit to the headquarters of the world organization Tuesday.

Coalition infighting

Three Thailand ministers resign

BANGKOK, March 3 (AP) — Three cabinet ministers resigned Tuesday as Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's 11-month-old government entered its fourth day of crisis following squabbles between two key coalition members over an oil deal controversy. Three ministers of the Democrat Party —

Justice Minister Chuan Leekpai, Deputy Interior Minister Banyat Bantathan and Deputy Industry Minister Kraisor Tanpitong — submitted their resignations to Prem during a cabinet Tuesday.

The ministers, who are not involved in the infighting between the two other coalition members, said they resigned to allow Prem to reshuffle his cabinet, and end the dispute. Their leader, Deputy Prime Minister Thanat Khoman is also expected to tender his resignation when he returns from Seoul Wednesday, where he attended the inauguration of South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan.

The crisis follows two weeks of intense infighting between the Social Action Party (SAP) and another key cabinet partner, the Thai Nation Party, leading to Prem's announcement Monday that he wants to include in a new cabinet.

There are indications that the SAP wants the Thai Nation Party out of a new coalition, or control for itself of all economic-related ministries. The SAP controls finance and commerce in the current line-up, while the Thai Nation Party has top posts in the industry and agricultural ministries.

Chun vows to implement four-point reform plan

SEOUL, March 3 (AP) — President Chun Doo-Hwan reaffirmed his commitment to a four-point reform program Tuesday but said the goals were meaningless "unless our national security is unflinchingly preserved."

In an inaugural address kicking off his seven-year term, Chun referred to the "volatile situations surrounding the Korean peninsula," and said the "grim bleakness of life" in the Communist north is without parallel.

Chun said he had previously proposed as national goals the development of a viable democracy, the construction of a welfare state, the realization of a just society and the promotion of innovative education and culture. "I will devote my best efforts to these four major goals during my tenure," he said, while adding that "the overriding importance of national security must be indelibly ingrained in our minds."

Chun said freedom from war should mean not only the prevention of war, but also the absence of the fear of war. "This requires the attainment of a lasting peace on the Korean peninsula and the normalization of living conditions for all the Korean people, eventually leading to a peaceful unification," he said.

Korea was divided following World War II in what was to have been a temporary partition, but the decision resulted in a deep split and a continuing confrontation. Chun repeated his proposal for an exchange of visits by the top leaders of the South and North.

The 50-year-old former army general took the oath of office before about 9,000 distinguished invitees in Seoul's Chamsil stadium. Chun was elected to the new term by an overwhelming vote of an electoral college last month. Previously he had served seven months as interim president, having risen to power with military backing following the assassination of former President Park Chung-Hee Oct. 26, 1979.

In Poland

Warsaw Pact joint maneuvers start

VIENNA, March 3 (Agencies) — Warsaw Pact troops have begun joint maneuvers in Poland, Western officials said, starting a previously scheduled exercise called "Shield 81."

Some 35,000 Soviet bloc troops, mostly Polish and Soviet soldiers stationed in Poland, were said to be taking part in the maneuvers, expected to last one to 10 days.

Western diplomats said Monday all Warsaw Pact countries were expected to take part in the maneuvers, but it was not known to what extent Romania would be involved. Romania, normally sends only staff officers to Warsaw Pact maneuvers in keeping with a national policy opposing the sending of troops beyond their own borders.

Officials said the Warsaw Pact had not given formal advance notice of the maneuvers. They said, however, that the exercise was small enough that notification was not required under existing East-West agreements.

They said, however, that it had still been known in advance that the maneuvers would take place. The Soviets maintain two tank divisions and logistical units in Poland. Most of the forces are stationed in the West of the country.

The Polish defense ministry, in keeping with customary practice, declined comment on the report. Warsaw Pact maneuvers are usually announced in Poland after they have taken place. Western diplomats said they did

Violence breaks out in Basque

MADRID, March 3 (AP) — Gunmen believed to be right-wing extremists shot and killed the brother of a Basque city councilman Tuesday in northern Spain, police said. The new outbreak of violence eight hours after Basque separatists wounded two national policemen in a bomb attack added tension resulting from last week's failed military attempt to overthrow the Madrid government.

San Sebastian police said Francisco Javi Ansa Zunzunegui, 35, was shot in the head by hooded gunmen firing from a car as he sat at a bus stop in the industrial suburb of Andoain.

Police said first indications pointed to ultra-rightists as the killers because Ansa Zunzunegui was the brother of a Basque nationalist party city councilman. But he did not rule out the possibility that Basque separatists fired the fatal shot.

Militants of the separatist organization ETA, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for the police bombing attack Sunday near the Basque capital of Bilbao. A telephone call to the Basque newspaper Egin said ETA Military, the radical wing of the organization, blamed for 95 political assassinations last year, bombed the police Sunday as part of its guerrillas' campaign against a U.S.-supplied nuclear energy plant outside Bilbao.

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The dollar's surge was halted slightly mid-morning when the West German Central Bank announced it was reopening its Lombard lending facility at an interest rate of 12 per cent. Essentially, however, high Eurodollar interest rates continue to make the dollar the most attractive investment available for liquid assets. Major U.S. banks offer prime lending rates of 18 1/2 per cent compared to the Bank of England's minimum lending rate of 14 per cent and lower rates elsewhere. Meanwhile, London's five hallion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$466.25 a troy ounce, up from late Monday but at its lowest level since Dec. 14, 1979.

In Zurich, the metal was quoted at a median \$466.50, down from \$470.50 earlier in Hong Kong, gold dropped \$8.96 to close at \$470.39. The metal finished at \$463 — down \$22 — in New York late Monday. Silver was quoted in London Tuesday at \$11.64 an ounce.

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